



The Message to the Church of Thyatira

“You Will Get What You Desire”

Revelation 2:18-29

Eugene Peterson, “Reversed Thunder” (Pattern of the 7 Letters):

1. Affirmation
2. Correction
3. Motivating Promise

What does Christ say to the Church in Thyatira?

What does Christ say to us today?

First Reading: Revelation 2:18-23 NRSV

And to the angel of the church in Thyatira write: These are the words of the Son of God, who has eyes like a flame of fire, and whose feet are like burnished bronze:

I know your works—your **love, faith, service, and patient endurance**. I know that your last works are greater than the first. But I have this against you: you tolerate that woman **Jezebel**, who calls herself a prophet and is teaching and beguiling my servants to practice fornication and to eat food sacrificed to idols. I gave her time to repent, but she refuses to repent of her fornication. Beware, I am throwing her on a bed, and those who commit adultery with her I am throwing into great distress, unless they repent of her doings; and I will strike her children dead. And all the church will know that I am the one who searches minds and hearts, and I will give to each of you as your works deserve.

1. Commendation: Works Matter to Jesus Christ!

James 2:14-17

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, “Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill,” and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works is dead.

James 2:26

For just as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is also dead.

2. **Challenge: Christ Will Give You What You Desire**

Jezebel: Old Testament character → 1 Kings 16:31-33; 1 Kings 21:25-26

Jezebel = Symbol for teaching false doctrine: sexual immorality and idolatry.

Repentance: To turn away from Sin and turn towards Christ.

Pastoral Word from Revelation: **Test Your Teachers**

Second Reading: Revelation 2:24-29 NRSV

But to the rest of you in Thyatira, who do not hold this teaching, who have not learned what some call “the deep things of Satan,” to you I say, I do not lay on you any other burden; only hold fast to what you have until I come. To everyone who conquers and continues to do my works to the end, “I will give authority over the nations; to rule them with an iron rod, as when clay pots are shattered”—even as I also received authority from my Father. To the one who conquers I will also give **the morning star**. Let anyone who has ear listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches.

3. **Hope: Christ Promises the Morning Star**

What is “the morning star”?

Revelation 22:16 NRSV

“It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, ***the bright morning star.***”

The Morning Star is Jesus Himself.

Faith Community Mission Statement

To demonstrate Christ’s love in specific ways so that everyone we meet will know they are Important, Loved and Wanted in Jesus’ name!