

CHRIST IN OUR MIDST
Message to the Church in Thyatira: Be Repentant
Revelation 2:18-29
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What has God done in your life to set you free?

As a believer in Jesus Christ we have peace for today no matter what is going on in the world because Christ is our hope for tomorrow.

“To the angel of the church in Thyatira write:

These are the words of the Son of God, whose eyes are like blazing fire and whose feet are like burnished bronze. 19 I know your deeds, your love and faith, your service and perseverance, and that you are now doing more than you did at first.

20 Nevertheless, I have this against you: You tolerate that woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophet. By her teaching she misleads my servants into sexual immorality and the eating of food sacrificed to idols. 21 I have given her time to repent of her immorality, but she is unwilling. 22 So I will cast her on a bed of suffering, and I will make those who commit adultery with her suffer intensely, unless they repent of her ways. 23 I will strike her children dead. Then all the churches will know that I am he who searches hearts and minds, and I will repay each of you according to your deeds. 24 Now I say to the rest of you in Thyatira, to you who do not hold to her teaching and have not learned Satan’s so-called deep secrets, ‘I will not impose any other burden on you, 25 except to hold on to what you have until I come.’

26 To the one who is victorious and does my will to the end, I will give authority over the nations— 27 that one ‘will rule them with an iron scepter and will dash them to pieces like pottery’—just as I have received authority from my Father. 28 I will also give that one the morning star. 29 Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches.

Revelation 2:18-29 NIV

LOVING PEOPLE IS GOOD BUT NOT GOOD ENOUGH

You cannot cover up evil with a few good works.

How do we live in a pagan society without compromising the truth?

You must love people as they did without compromising the truth.

The truth is exactly what people are looking for and need.

RIGHT BELIEF IS GOOD BUT NOT GOOD ENOUGH

God condemns loving compromise and unloving orthodoxy.

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth. John 1:14 NIV

Without truth we lack courage to speak our convictions.

Without grace we lack compassion to meet people’s needs.

THE CALL TO REPENTANCE IS GREAT NEWS

I have given her time to repent of her immorality, but she is unwilling. Revelation 2:21 NIV

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

1 John 1:9 NIV

Repentance is a change of your mind that leads to a change of behavior.

Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord.

Acts 3:19 NIV

We receive eternal life when we repent and believe in Jesus.