

**The Seven Churches of the Revelation  
Pergamum and Thyatira  
Pastor Craig Sweeney / May 29, 2022**

**Series Thread:** “The revelation of Jesus” unravels the knots in my mind and heart.

**Message Thread:** Jesus’ words to you draw you into the greater story.

**“And to the angel of the church in Thyatira write:” Revelation 2:18a**

- Center for the worship of Apollo and the emperor.
- Thyatira was a city that produced a lot for trade with Asia.
- There was an overwhelming number of guilds.
  - Business required relationships.
  - To be successful in business meant you wanted to be in a guild.
  - Most, if not all, guilds claimed their patron god to be Apollo and therefore the emperor.
- Gatherings of the guilds
  - Business
  - Common meals, festivals, and celebrations

**“The words of the Son of God, who has eyes like a flame of fire, and whose feet are like burnished bronze.” Revelation 2:18b**

**“I know your works, your love and faith and service and patient endurance, and that your latter works exceed the first.” Revelation 2:19 ESV**

**“But I have this against you, that you tolerate that woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess and is teaching and seducing my servants to practice sexual immorality and to eat food sacrificed to idols. <sup>21</sup> I gave her time to repent, but she refuses to repent of her sexual immorality. <sup>22</sup> Behold, I will throw her onto a sickbed, and those who commit adultery with her I will throw into great tribulation, unless they repent of her works, <sup>23</sup> and I will strike her children dead. And all the churches will know that I am he who searches mind and heart, and I will give to each of you according to your works.”**

**Revelation 2:20 - 23 ESV**

- Repentance is the desire of Jesus.
- Compromise is the blending of qualities from at least 2 things creating a NEW thing but calling it the SAME thing.
  - The STANDARD already exists = Jesus
    - “All fall short of this standard” Romans 3:23
- Jesus words are to stop compromising, but that is different than “bearing with one another”.
  - Compromise = Resets God’s standard to a different measurement.
    - Settling for less and calling it GOOD

- Accepting distance from Jesus
- “Bearing with” = Encourages and helps someone reach for the standard.
  - Accepts that I’ll fall short of God’s standard of holiness AND with God’s standard of grace, keep reaching and growing.
  - “Make allowance for (bear with) each other’s faults and forgive anyone who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others.” Colossians 3:13
    - “Do not judge” (Matthew 7:1) Pronounce the final word.
- Healing in the Church - It’s in our hands to HELP people get to the GREATER MOMENT.
  - Offering God’s STANDARD of truth, mercy, and grace
  - Reaching for the STANDARD of God’s healing and mending
  - Forgiveness
  - Building of trust where it has been broken

**“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. <sup>25</sup> Only hold fast what you have until I come. <sup>26</sup> The one who conquers and who keeps my works until the end, to him I will give authority over the nations, <sup>27</sup> and he will rule them with a rod of iron, as when earthen pots are broken in pieces, even as I myself have received authority from my Father. <sup>28</sup> And I will give him the morning star. <sup>29</sup> He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.” Revelation 2: 18 – 29 ESV**

**Challenge:**

- Has compromise been exposed?
- What part of the healing are you being challenged by?
- Praying for the persecuted church.
- How does the revelation of Jesus challenge your faith for the season you’re in?
- How does the revelation of Jesus enable you to remain faithful?



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