

Guide & Record of your thoughts

1/3/2010 Week 6 - Revelation 2:18 – 2:29

Following the Message:

1. (intro) Jude 1:3,4 “I felt the necessity to write to you appealing that you contend earnestly for the faith.
2. (2:18) Jesus is identified as having “eyes like a flame of fire” which means that He sees all and nothing can be disguised, covered or hidden from Him.
3. (2:18) Jesus is also identified as having “feet like burnished bronze” meaning that He will trample sin and severely punish and bring judgment.
4. (2:20) The church at Thyatira was guilty of tolerating the woman Jezebel. Even if believers were not participating in her deception, they were guilty of tolerance – endorsement by acquiescence.
5. (2:21) Even Jezebel was given time to repent, but she didn’t want to. Literally, she did not want to come out of her behavior.
6. (2:20,21) No amount of loving, sacrificial works can compensate for tolerance of evil. Rather than permitting such false teaching, a godly church must speak the truth in love.
7. (2:22) Since Jezebel refused to repent, her destiny is a “bed of sickness” which likely refers to death (2nd death – hell).
8. (2:22) The good news is that God always gives an opportunity for repentance.
9. (2:23) This warning of tolerance is to all churches, not just to the church at Thyatira.
10. (2:25) Those in the church at Thyatira not tolerating the teachings of Jezebel were told to hold fast; in other words don’t let go from your grasp. Excellence in Christ requires a tight - grip on truth and resistance from evil.
11. (2:26,27) Christ promises believers who are faithful will have authority and will join Him in His millennial kingdom/reign.
12. (2:28) “I will give him the morning star”; that is, I will give unto him Myself, so that reflecting My perfect brightness, he shall shine like Me, the Morning Star, and share my kingly glory.
13. (2:29). False doctrine and sin must not be allowed in the church today; even under the banner of love, toleration and unity. Immorality and false doctrine will bring judgment.

Reflecting on the Text:

1. Are there personal actions and behaviors in my work that indicate that I have compromised my beliefs?
2. Are there false teachings in my church or within my circle of believing friends which I knowingly tolerate?
3. Am I willing to speak the truth in love as I recognize these situations?