



THE 7 CHURCHES OF REVELATION - Part 4 of 7

What Jesus Says To A Tolerant Church?

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“And to the angel of the church in Thyatira write, ‘The Son of God who has eyes like a flame of fire, whose feet are like burnished bronze says this, ‘I know your deeds and your love and your faith and your service and your perseverance and that your deeds of late are greater than at the first. But I have this against you. That you tolerate the woman Jezebel. She calls herself a prophetess and she teaches and leads My bondservants astray so that they commit acts of immorality and eat things sacrificed to idols. I gave her time to repent and she does not want to repent of her immorality. Behold I will cast her on a bed of sickness and those who commit adultery with her into the great tribulation unless they repent of her deeds. And I will kill her children with pestilence and all the churches will know that I am He who searches the minds and hearts and I’ll give to each one of you according to your deeds. But I say to you the rest who are in Thyatira who do not hold this teaching, who have not known the deep things of Satan as they called them, I place no other burden on you. Nevertheless what you have hold fast until I come. And he who overcomes and he who keeps My deeds until the end to him I will give authority over the nations and he shall rule them with a rod of iron as the vessels of the potter are broken to pieces as I also have received authority from My Father. And I will give him the morning star. He who has an ear let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.’”

Revelation 2:18-29

A. THE PROBLEM

WHAT IS SAID ABOUT THE CHURCH...

The church tolerates Jezebel vs. 20

“I have given her time to repent, and she does not want to repent...” vs. 21

The church was learning the “deep things of Satan.” vs. 24

FOUR GLARING ERRORS OF THIS FALSE PROPHETESS...

1. A misuse of scripture
2. She grabbed authority
3. Her refusal to repent
4. Her spiritual elitism. “I have the deeper things.”

B. THE CURE

HOW TO BALANCE TRUTH & TOLERANCE...

1. Is this a major or minor issue **according to the Bible?**

Principle: In major issues have unity. In minor issues have diversity. In all issues have charity (love).

2. How will your **decision/involvement** impact an immature believer?

“Determine not to put a stumbling block in a brother’s way.” Romans 14:13

“So then, let us pursue the things which make for peace and the building up of one another.”
Romans 14:19

Principle: I have a responsibility to others.

3. Will this **reflect** my love for the Lord?

“Love God with all your heart, soul, mind and strength and then do what you please.”

Principle: I must remember whose I am, then consider if an activity or attitude will demonstrate my love for Jesus Christ.

4. What would my **spiritual role model** do?

Principle: Spend time with mature believers

THE CHALLENGE TO FAITHFUL CHRISTIANS...

“Hold fast until I come” vs. 25

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WHAT JESUS SAYS TO A TOLERANT CHURCH?

Stay uncomfortable with all that violates scripture.