

THE BOOK OF REVELATION

Letters to the Seven Churches:

All seven churches were to receive instruction and warning _____ they read them. IE: We should read each one as if it is, or could be written to us.

The only _____ test of a teaching / movement / spiritual practice is scripture.

_____ believers have forgiveness, eternal life, help to persevere until the final victory is won, and _____ will receive their ultimate reward.

Ephesus did a lot of great things, but in the process, _____ their first love.

Smyrna suffered a great deal socially, physically, and financially for their steadfast love and service of Jesus Christ. No condemnation was brought against them. Instead they were instructed to _____ to their eternal reward for encouragement and strength.

Pergamum was commended for standing strong in the midst of Satan's own stronghold. But some among them were severely warned to stop _____ by following false doctrines and errant teachings.

Thyatira – Revelation 2:18-29

1. Thyatira was a small, wealthy city, where the church suffered _____ persecution.

2. Positives:
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| Deeds | Your faith is backed up by your _____ |
| Love | You have _____ forgotten your first love |
| Faith | You trust in God and _____ His message |
| Service | You are _____ in ministry |
| Perseverance | You don't give up, you keep on working _____ |
| Doing More | You are constantly _____ |

3. Negative

- a. You _____ that *woman* Jezebel. (same charge as Pergamum)
- b. This time – In Thyatira – the time to _____ has come and gone.

4. No Warming, just consequences (vs 22-23)

- a. She will suffer _____
- b. Those who practice her false teachings with her will _____ suffer. (Adultery)
- c. “I will strike her children dead” Literal children? Spiritual children?

Reason: So all the church will _____ that I am serious. (vs 23)

5. Instruction to those who are faithful: Stay strong till the very end (vs 25)

Promise to those who are faithful: Reward in the New Heaven (vs 26-28)

Notice:

- 1. Compromise is once again the issue. Compromise is a _____ to God.
- 2. They were not expressing a _____ love to those who compromised.
- 3. Jezebel’s judgement _____ her hypocrisy and her deception.
- 4. The reward we should be truly seeking is _____ reward. (authority and Jesus)

Warning to HBC: Compromise sneaks in the back door and becomes a spiritual squatter.

- a. A desire to _____ - with culture
- b. A failure to rightly define _____
- c. Abandoning absolute _____ for relativism
- d. Moving close fist ed issued _____ the realm of open palm issues
- e. Failing to _____
- f. Allowing a personality, or influencer to _____ Biblical authority