

## **The Revelation of Jesus Christ**

### **The Letter to the Church in Thyatira**

Revelation 2:18-29

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The Lord knows all that we do or have done, and He knows every detail about our circumstances (cf. Rev. 2:2, 9, 13, 19; 3:1b, 8, 15). The Lord commends this church because of her good works which have only increased (cf. Rev. 3:15) and which still are characterized by love (cf. Rev. 2:4). The Lord's praise for the quality, quantity, and duration of good works are His first reassurance to the faithful believers amongst them (cf. v.24-25).
  
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The faithful activities of the believers in this church did not result in their discernment of false teachings (cf. Rev. 2:2) or in their adherence to His commands (cf. 1 Tim. 2:12). God has gifted men and women in various ways so that we each might aid in the building up of the body (cf. Titus 2:1-8), but a woman is not qualified to lead the local church (cf. 1 Tim. 3:2; Titus 1:6). A true prophet or prophetess must display perfect accuracy in predictions (Deut. 18:22), perfect adherence to revealed truth (Deut. 13:1-5), and moral purity (cf. Jer. 23:14; 2 Pet. 2:2-3). Any deviation from any of these standards is to be met with a severe response by the church (cf. Deut 13:5; 18:22b).
  
3. \_\_\_\_\_  
The Lord is gracious and provides opportunities for people to repent because He delights in repentance and not in putting to death the wicked (Ezek 18:30-32). The Lord is sure to bring judgment upon the unrighteous if they forsake repentance (1 Cor. 6:9), but He may also chastise an unrepentant believer with sickness or even death (cf. 1 Cor. 11:30) so that the church may learn and have a proper fear of the Lord restored amongst them (cf. Acts 5:11). The Lord reiterates His comforting words to the faithful, and they are simply to remain faithful to Him. Faithfulness will require no longer tolerating Jezebel, nor enduring her teaching or the practicing of her works in their assembly (cf. v. 20a; cf. 1 Cor. 5:1, 11) as well as receiving back those who repent of her deeds (v.22b; cf Jude 20-25).