

Series: Evaluating the Health of Your Heart

Message Title: *Thyatira—Church That Tolerated False Teachers and Sin*

Primary Texts: Revelation 2:18-29

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1. Eventually, God _____.

2. Every believer _____.

3. Church leaders _____.

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Revelation 2:19-25

¹⁹ “I know your deeds, and your love and faith and service and perseverance, and that your deeds of late are greater than at first. ²⁰

‘But I have *this* against you, that you tolerate the woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess, and she teaches and leads My bond-servants astray so that they commit *acts of immorality* and eat things sacrificed to idols. ²¹ ‘I gave her time to repent, and she does not want to repent of her immorality. ²²

‘Behold, I will throw her on a bed of *sickness*, and those who commit adultery with her into great tribulation, unless they repent of her deeds. ²³

‘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 will give to each one of you according to your deeds. ²⁴

‘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 call them — I place no other burden on you. ²⁵

‘Nevertheless what you have, hold fast until I come.’”

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

1. Read **Revelation 2:18-20**. Who is teaching in the church in Thyatira? What descriptions reveal that she should not be teaching? What was she teaching? Read **Acts 20:29-30**. What does this passage teach us about false teachers? What is the attitude of false teachers toward those who follow them? What do false teachers teach and seek?
2. Read **2 Peter 2:1**. From where do false teachers come? What characteristics are given to us about the teaching of false teachers? Who do *some* false teachers deny? Read **2 Peter 2:2-3, 13-15, 18-19** and **Jude 4**. These verses tell us how to identify a false teacher. What do false teachers do and teach? Read **Lamentations 2:14** and **2 Peter 2:19**. To what does “freedom” refer? What do false teachers promise their followers? Will a false teacher usually warn about sin?
3. Read **Romans 2:4-5** and **Revelation 2:21-22**. What did God want Jezebel to do? Why do you think God did not discipline Jezebel and her followers immediately? Read **Revelation 2:22-23**. What is the significance of “sickbed” in verse 22? Who will suffer along with the false teacher? Read **1 Corinthians 11:27-32**. What did the apostle Paul say can happen to a Christian if they take the Lord’s Supper in an unworthy manner? What is the importance of this example?
4. Read **Acts 17:10-12**. Who did the Christians in Berea not immediately trust? How did they determine an individual was speaking the truth? What praise did God give to the Christians in the city of Berea? Read **Revelation 2:20, 22-23** again. What should the followers of Jezebel have done? Read **2 Timothy 2:15**. What should a believer do in order to understand Scripture? Read **Nehemiah 8:8**. What did Nehemiah do to help people understand Scripture? Read **2 Peter 3:16**. What is a necessary prerequisite to understanding Scripture?
5. Read **Revelation 2:18**. To whom was this message written? Read **Revelation 2:20**. Who did Jesus rebuke in this verse? Read **Titus 1:9; 2 Thessalonians 2:15** and **Jude 3, 17**. What should church leaders do according to these verses? Name at least three things pastors and church leaders can do to protect the congregation from false teachers and false teaching? What can the people do?