

The Revelation

(5) The Message to the Church

The letter to the Church at Thyatira... Rev.2:18-29

How is Jesus described to the church at Thyatira? vs.18 Comment? vs.23

Son of God who has eyes like a flame of fire, feet like burnished bronze. Penetrating ...

What is the subtle, yet important, difference in name in 2:18 and 1:13? ITim.2:5

Jesus, Son of Man, and Jesus, Son of God. Perfect man and perfect God. Mediator...

What is the church commended for? vs.19

Love, faith, service, perseverance, and they were growing, working harder. Judges it all.

However, they are rebuked for what? vs.20 Why? vs.20

They tolerated 'Jezebel'. False prophetess, teaching and leading believers into great sin.

What was the sin of the original Jezebel? IKings 21:25; IKings 9:22

She was manipulating her husband, vile, violent, teaching lies, into witchcraft/sexual sins.

And what was the Lord's judgment? vs.21-23 Comment on vs.22, 'unless...'

Refuses to repent. Sending sickness, great tribulation, pestilence. Yet eager to forgive!

This impending judgment of death on Jezebel also extends to whom? vs.23 IICor.6:14-18

To "her children" in the church, ie believers. Leadership failed but members accountable.

How does Christ encourage believers who have been separate from her sins? vs.24-25

No other burden, hold fast till I come (judgment?). Had not known the depths of Satan.

The letter to the Church at Sardis... Rev.3:1-6

How is Jesus described to the church at Sardis? vs.1 Jn.15:26-27; 16:7-14; Is.11:2-5

He who has the 7 Spirits of God and the 7 stars (7 messengers). Here is the Power to serve.

The church had a great name in the community, good works, but what does Christ reveal? vs.1

That in reality, they were dead. The works were phony. Not done by the Spirit.

What is His command to them? vs.2-3 Comment??

Wake up! Strengthen what's dying! Remember what you received, heard, keep, REPENT

What is His warning to them? vs.3 Comment?

If you don't wake up, I'll come like a thief, and you'll not know. This is judgment/church.

However, there was a bright spot here. What was it? vs.4 What does this emphasize to us?

There were some there who were truly serving Him. He will judge/reward the individual.

What existed in both Thyatira (2:24) and Sardis (3:4)? What's the message to us? vs.6

Both had a true and faithful 'remnant'. Don't settle! Be honest and humble before Him.