

Thyatira and the Toleration of Jezebel (Rev. 2:18-29)

Thirty miles south of Pergamos is the much smaller city of Thyatira. There are many positive things going on in this church, but overshadowing it all is the sin of toleration. Toleration of a teaching that was leading members in the church (“My servants”) into the terrible evils of sexual immorality and idolatry. Christ is on a mission of recovery, and comes with an alarming message to halt the decline that is being tolerated. He calls them to:

- See the evil
- See His commands
- See His promises

- :18 - Christ introduces Himself
 - Son of God
 - eyes like a flame of fire
 - feet like fine brass

- :19 - The Commendation
 - love
 - service
 - faith
 - patience
 - increasing works

- :20-23 - The Condemnation (the heart of the letter)
 - “you allow” (tolerate)
 - Jezebel
 - specific sins: sexual immorality & idolatry
 - the call and refusal: repentance
 - the consequences

- :24-25 - Comfort for “the rest”
 - not everyone was in decline

- :26-28 - The Promises

- :29 - can you hear what the Spirit has been saying to Thyatira?
 - To us?