

“WHICH CHURCH ARE YOU?”

Part 4

Revelation 2:18-29 (NKJV)

“And to the angel of the church in Thyatira write, ‘These things says the Son of God, who has eyes like a flame of fire, and His feet like fine brass: ¹⁹ ‘I know your works, love, service, faith, and your patience; and as for your works, the last are more than the first. ²⁰ Nevertheless I have a few things against you, because you allow that woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess, to teach and seduce My servants to commit sexual immorality and eat things sacrificed to idols. ²¹ And I gave her time to repent of her sexual immorality, and she did not repent. ²² Indeed I will cast her into a sickbed, and those who commit adultery with her into great tribulation, unless they repent of their deeds. ²³ I will kill her children with death, and all the churches shall know that I am He who searches the minds and hearts. And I will give to each one of you according to your works. ²⁴ ‘Now to you I say, and to the rest in Thyatira, as many as do not have this doctrine, who have not known the depths of Satan, as they say, I will put on you no other burden. ²⁵ But hold fast what you have till I come. ²⁶ And he who overcomes, and keeps My works until the end, to him I will give power over the nations—²⁷ ‘He shall rule them with a rod of iron; They shall be dashed to pieces like the potter’s vessels’—as I also have received from My Father; ²⁸ and I will give him the morning star. ²⁹ ‘He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.’”

- 1) Jesus commends the church at Thyatira, for their **LABOR** of loving service to **OTHERS** (v. 19).
- 2) The **CHURCH** at Thyatira represents a period within the **HISTORY** of the Christian church from 538 AD – **1798 AD**
- 3) The church at **THYATIRA** forced the people to adopt beliefs and **TEACHINGS** that were contrary to the **WORD** of God.
- 4) But the most egregious thing the church did during this period was that it **TOOK** the **BIBLE** away from the people.
- 5) In v. 25 Jesus counsels the church in Thyatira to **HOLD** on to the truth of God’s word the **BIBLE**.
- 6) The first promise **JESUS** gives to those who hold on to the **TRUTH** of God’s word is that He will give them **HIS** authority (vs. 26-28).

- 7) When we get to **HEAVEN** Christ will give us His authority to **JUDGE** the wicked (Revelation 20:4; I Corinthians 6:2, 3).
- 8) This judgment, which takes place during the **1,000** year period between the second and **THIRD** comings of **CHRIST**, is called the millennial judgment.
- 9) The second **PROMISE** Jesus makes to all those who hold on to the truth of God's word is that He will give them the morning **STAR** (v. 28)
- 10) **JESUS** is the **MORNING** star.
- 11) Today, Jesus calls us to hold on to the truth of God's word; **READ** and **STUDY** His word; **OBEY** His word, and **SHARE** His word with **OTHERS**.