

New Song Fellowship Church

Being and Making Disciples

SERMON NOTES

Words of the Son of God

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Series: Revelation

The Letter to Thyatira

Rev 2:18 "To the angel of the church in Thyatira write: These are the words of the Son of God, whose eyes are like blazing fire and whose feet are like burnished bronze. 19 I know your deeds, your love and faith, your service and perseverance, and that you are now doing more than you did at first.

Act 16:13 On the Sabbath we went outside the city gate to the river, where we expected to find a place of prayer. We sat down and began to speak to the women who had gathered there. 14 One of those listening was a woman from the city of Thyatira named Lydia, a dealer in purple cloth. She was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to respond to Paul's message.

The Warning Against Jezebel

Rev 2:20 Nevertheless, I have this against you: You tolerate that woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophet. By her teaching she misleads my servants into sexual immorality and the eating of food sacrificed to idols. 21 I have given her time to repent of her immorality, but she is unwilling.

Rev 2:22 So I will cast her on a bed of suffering, and I will make those who commit adultery with her suffer intensely, unless they repent of her ways. 23 I will strike her children dead. Then all the churches will know that I am he who searches hearts and minds, and I will repay each of you according to your deeds.

Suffering, Sickness, and Sovereignty

1Co 11:27 So then, whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. 28 Everyone ought to examine themselves before they eat of the bread and

drink from the cup. 29 For those who eat and drink without discerning the body of Christ eat and drink judgment on themselves. 30 That is why many among you are weak and sick, and a number of you have fallen asleep.

Joh 9:2 His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" 3 "Neither this man nor his parents sinned," said Jesus, "but this happened so that the works of God might be displayed in him."

2Ti 4:20 Erastus stayed in Corinth, and I left Trophimus sick in Miletus.

1Ti 5:23 Stop drinking only water, and use a little wine because of your stomach and your frequent illnesses.

Php 2:25 But I think it is necessary to send back to you Epaphroditus, my brother, co-worker and fellow soldier, who is also your messenger, whom you sent to take care of my needs. 26 For he longs for all of you and is distressed because you heard he was ill. 27 Indeed he was ill, and almost died...

Promise to the Overcomer

Rev 2:24 Now I say to the rest of you in Thyatira, to you who do not hold to her teaching and have not learned Satan's so-called deep secrets, 'I will not impose any other burden on you, 25 except to hold on to what you have until I come.'

Rev 2:26 To the one who is victorious and does my will to the end, I will give authority over the nations-- 27 that one 'will rule them with an iron scepter and will dash them to pieces like pottery'--just as I have received authority from my Father. 28 I will also give that one the morning star. 29 Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches.

Dan 12:2 Multitudes who sleep in the dust of the earth will awake: some to everlasting life, others to shame and everlasting contempt. 3 Those who are wise will shine like the brightness of the heavens, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever.

The Letter to Sardis

Rev 3:1 "To the angel of the church in Sardis write:

Rev 3:1b These are the words of him who holds the seven spirits of God and the seven stars.

Rev 3:1c I know your deeds; you have a reputation of being alive, but you are dead. 2 Wake up! Strengthen what remains and is about to die, for I have found

your deeds unfinished in the sight of my God.

A Call to Action

Mat 7:24 "Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock.

Jas 1:22 Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.

1Jn 3:18 Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.

Rev 3:3 Remember, therefore, what you have received and heard; hold it fast, and repent.

Rev 3:3b But if you do not wake up, I will come like a thief, and you will not know at what time I will come to you.

Promise to the Faithful

Rev 3:4 Yet you have a few people in Sardis who have not soiled their clothes. They will walk with me, dressed in white, for they are worthy. 5 The one who is victorious will, like them, be dressed in white. I will never blot out the name of that person from the book of life, but will acknowledge that name before my Father and his angels. 6 Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches.

Rev 1:3 "...blessed are those who hear it and take it to heart..."

Joh 3:16 For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. 17 For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

Weekly Reflection

Take a few moments this week to sit with these questions.

1. The church at Thyatira was growing in love, faith, service, and perseverance--yet Jesus still had something against them. What does this teach you about the danger of overlooking compromise, even when everything else looks good on the surface?
2. Jesus knows the difference between those who are genuinely deceived and those who are willfully tolerating deception. As you examine your own heart, are there areas where you've made peace with something you know isn't aligned with God's truth?
3. In the midst of correction, Jesus tells the faithful remnant to simply "hold on to what you have until I come." What does it mean for you to hold fast to what is true and good, even when you see others around you drifting?