

God's Message for Today's Church

A Ten Part Series from: The Book of Revelation!

Part 7. Chapter 2:18-29

(Sunday November 1st 2020 with Gympie Baptist Church)

To the Church in Thyatira

¹⁸ “And to the angel of the church in Thyatira write: ‘The words of the Son of God, who has eyes like a flame of fire, and whose feet are like burnished bronze.

¹⁹ “ ‘I know your works, your love and faith and service and patient endurance, and that your latter works exceed the first. ²⁰ But I have this against you, that you tolerate that woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess and is teaching and seducing my servants to practice sexual immorality and to eat food sacrificed to idols. ²¹ I gave her time to repent, but she refuses to repent of her sexual immorality. ²² Behold, I will throw her onto a sickbed, and those who commit adultery with her I will throw into great tribulation, unless they repent of her works, ²³ and I will strike her children dead. And all the churches will know that I am he who searches mind and heart, and I will give to each of you according to your works. ²⁴ But to the rest of you in Thyatira, who do not hold this teaching, who have not learned what some call the deep things of Satan, to you I say, I do not lay on you any other burden. ²⁵ Only hold fast what you have until I come. ²⁶ The one who conquers and who keeps my works until the end, to him I will give authority over the nations, ²⁷ and he will rule them with a rod of iron, as when earthen pots are broken in pieces, even as I myself have received authority 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.’

Introduction: When Two Worlds Collide - The Church World & The Rest of the World!

- What the Church “World” faces today
- What the rest of the World faces today
- How Christians have historically responded to culture as they try to figure out what God requires of them!
 - Christ Against Culture -
 - The Christ of Culture -
 - Christ above Culture -
 - Christ and Culture in Paradox -
 - Christ the Transformer of Culture -

(Thanks Richard Niebuhr for “Christ & Culture” pub 1951)

1. The Key Antagonist / Protagonist is a woman named Jezebel - What was she up to?

- Her name
- Her claims
- Her behavior

2. The Majority of the church – What was she up to?

- The Good - (vs 19)
- The Bad – (vs 20-21)
- The Ugly – (vs 22-23)

3. A Better Way Forward for the Church Then and the Church Now - Two Big ideas that we can take away and apply to our own lives from this morning's message:

- Continued loving engagement over difficult issues that the church faces as a whole
- Continued loving engagement over difficult issues that the world faces as a whole

4. What we see of Jesus here? (Jesus loves His Church and He loves the world that he came for)

Keeping it Real by Going Deeper – This Week.

There was a lot in this week's message to think about. As you think over the sermon, I would like to encourage you to ask the following questions of the message as well as of the scriptures that were read and spoken about.

What **STOOD OUT** to you?

What **PUZZLES** you? (With this particular question if you have something that you would like raise or ask one of the pastors/elders please do so. If you do, we may even be able to address these questions in up and coming messages. I am sure others would appreciate any questions that you have raised that we might be able to answer and weave into our messages for the benefit of all).

What do we **LEARN** about God and his people?

How might this **APPLY**?

What will you **TALK** to God or others about?