

IV. THYATIRA: MISGUIDED TOLERATION**Revelation 2:18-29****I. Church: THYATIRA (v18)****II. Characteristics of Speaker (v18):**

- A. Son of God (cf. v27)
- B. Eyes like blazing fire (cf.v23; 1:14)
- C. Feet like burnished bronze (cf. 1:15)

III. Commendations & Encouragement (v19):

Particularly positive!

- A. Your _____
- B. Your _____
- C. Your _____
- D. Your _____
- E. Doing *more* than at first: you are _____

IV. Criticisms (v20-21):

- A. Your toleration of the false prophetess "Jezebel"
She apparently led a sect similar to the Nicolaitans and others in Pergamum: involvement in immorality and foods offered to idols. Possibly also involvement in the occult (v24)

Need for church discipline! So lacking today.

Opposite problem from Ephesus:

Ephesus: hate error but cooled ardor
 Thyatira: growing ardor but tolerate error
 → Q: which propensity does CPC have?

- B. Her refusal to heed my warning to repent

V. Counsel/Commands (v22-25):

- A. She and her children must repent now!
- B. The rest of you must hold on to what you have til I come:
i.e. hold onto the Gospel and do NOT get caught up in this!
Getting deeper in the Gospel is your best antidote to error

Note 3 things NOT said:

- 1. Okay/not okay for a woman to teach with authority
Cannot argue either way from this text
- 2. Whether or not she was a Christian: judgment or discipline upon her? Since eternal perdition not threatened, it would seem she could have been a Christian! Christians can teach some weird stuff!
- 3. Nothing about church discipline! Why was not the church of Thyatira instructed to discipline her?
Remember these words are to church thru the pastor

VI. Consequences (v22-28):

- A. If she and her children do not repent:
 - 1. She will be cast on a bed of suffering
 - 2. Those who commit adultery with her will suffer intensely
 - 3. Her children will be struck dead
- B. You will be repaid according to your deeds (v23)
- C. You who overcome: You will receive authority over nations, just as Jesus has received such authority from His Father (v27 qts Psm 2:9)
Refers to authority in prayer for fulfillment of the Great Commission
- D. You will also receive the Morning Star (cf 22:16): Jesus Himself, the Hope of your glory

VII. Call to Heed (v29):