

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):