

EDGEMONT BIBLE CHURCH

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“BEING A RESTORED HUMAN”



“JESUS SPEAKS TO CHURCHES”

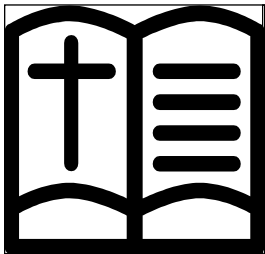
REVELATION 2: 1-29 Part 4

I. THE EVOLUTION OF THE CHURCH

- A. From hating the deeds of the Nicolaitans to accepting their doctrine on to practicing them
- B. From testing and rejecting false teachers to tolerating them to allowing them to teach corrupt doctrines and practices
- C. From a community of counter-culture believers in the Christ to a confused group with full acceptance of the culture's values
- D. From rejecting false teachers to persecution by the state and the synagogue of Satan to living near the throne of Satan to practicing rituals from the depths of Satan
- E. From minor skirmishes with the state to deadly persecution to full blown acceptance by the state
- F. From a living organism where every believer is a priest to an institution with a set hierarchy
- G. BUT retaining a public testimony of good works, endurance, retaining the name of Jesus, faith and identified as Jesus' church

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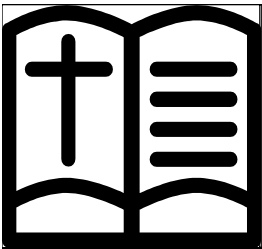


DOCTRINE OF BALAAM: The practice of using human sexual behavior as a system of the worship (of idols) accompanied with lavish meals offered to idols

JEZEBEL: An immoral woman who was dedicated to Baal and Asherah, the fertility god and goddess of Canaan. Used orgies as a worship form to stimulate the god/goddess to grant fertility and fruitfulness in every endeavor

II. HOW DOES IT HAPPEN?

- A. Changing focus from loving God who saved us by grace alone through faith alone to loving human integrity, e.g. Pharisees*
- B. Tolerating false doctrine in order to be open-minded and intellectually acceptable; power of Greek philosophy/science*
- C. Allowing the unchangeable fundamentals of the faith to be questioned as much as the less important propositions of our faith*
- D. Allowing the foundations established from creation to be perverted (changed) from their intent, i.e. marriage and family, procreation, origins*
- E. Allowing the conscience to be defiled or violated by practices which are known to be wrong; excused with philosophical arguments or grace abuse*
- F. Allowing minors to become majors to establish self-approved practices*
- G. Abandoning the Holy Spirit, His guidance, His power to human effort/creating your own church*
- H. Allowing divisive cliques to continue unresolved*



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