

TOLERATING APOSTASY (Rev. 2:18-29)

- I. The Address (Rev. 2:18)
 - A. To the *angelos* (“MESSENGER” or *angel*) of the CONGREGATION at Thyatira
 - 1. Small TOWN about 40 miles SE of Pergamum
 - 2. Most popular DEITY was Apollo, the SUN GOD
 - 3. Major trading center in BLACK wool, BRONZE, and PURPLE dye
 - 4. May have first heard the GOSPEL from LYDIA (Acts 16:14)
 - B. From the “SON of GOD”
 - 1. Flaming EYES indicate OMNISCIENCE and INDIGNATION
 - 2. Feet shod with BURNISHED BRONZE indicates PURIFYING JUDGMENT
- II. The Commendation (Rev. 2:19)
 - A. Christ knew their INCREASING works and MINISTRY
 - B. Christ knew their GREAT DEVOTION
 - C. Christ knew their FAITH and PERSEVERANCE
- III. The Condemnation (Rev. 2:20-23)
 - A. The PROBLEM (2:20-21)
 - 1. Wrong in PRINCIPLE: allowing a WOMAN to TEACH (cf. 1 Tim. 2:12-14)
 - 2. Wrong in PRECEPT: failed to DISCERN her FALSENESS (cf. Rev. 2:2*b*)

3. Wrong in PRACTICE: promoted IMMORALITY and IDOLATRY (cf. 1 Kings 16:31-33; 2 Kings 9:22)
- B. The PRESCRIPTION (2:22-23)
1. Christ will throw HER and her FOLLOWERS into great TRIBULATION
 2. Christ will KILL the UNREPENTANT with “pestilence”
 3. Christ will “GIVE to EACH ... according to [their] DEEDS”
- C. The PURPOSE
1. To DESTROY the UNREPENTANT
 2. To ELEVATE the SON OF GOD
- IV. The Exhortation (Rev. 2:24-29)
- A. A message for the FAITHFUL REMNANT (2:24)
- B. An assignment for the PERSEVERING SAINT (2:25)
1. CLING to the TRUTH
 2. EXPECT Christ’s RETURN
- C. A promise for the OBEDIENT BELIEVER (2:26-29)
1. Will receive AUTHORITY over NATIONS
 2. Will receive the “morning star”
 - a. Refers to CHRIST
 - b. Points to the RAPTURE
 3. Those who CAN must (or SHALL) HEAR