

## THE MESSAGE TO THE CHURCH AT THYATIRA

SCRIPTURE: REVELATION 2:19-29

### INTRODUCTION

IN THE MIDST OF A CHURCH CHARACTERIZED BY LOVE, SERVICE, PATIENCE, FAITH, AND GOOD WORKS, THE LORD HAS PERCEIVED A CONDITION AS DEADLY AS A FESTERING, CANCEROUS SORE. THIS CHURCH WAS BEING SEDUCED BY FALSE PROPECY, ITS VITALITY BEING DESTROYED BY FALSE TEACHING.

#### I. IT WAS A CHURCH OF COMMENDABLE WORKS

**REVELATION 2:19 AMPLIFIED** I KNOW YOUR RECORD AND WHAT YOU ARE DOING, YOUR LOVE AND FAITH AND SERVICE AND PATIENT ENDURANCE, AND THAT YOUR RECENT WORKS ARE MORE NUMEROUS AND GREATER THAN YOUR FIRST ONES.

- A. IT WAS A LOVING BODY OF BELIEVERS
- B. IT WAS A CHURCH OF STRONG FAITH
- C. IT WAS CAUGHT UP IN THE SERVICE OF GOD
- D. IT PATIENTLY ENDURED AFFLICTION, TRIALS, PERSECUTION
- E. ITS GOOD WORKS WERE EVER INCREASING

#### II. IT WAS A CHURCH OF IMPURE DOCTRINE

**REVELATION 2:20** ...THOU SUFFEREST THAT WOMAN JEZEBEL, WHICH CALLETH HERSELF A PROPHETESS, TO TEACH AND TO SEDUCE MY SERVANTS....

- A. THE CHURCH'S RESPONSIBILITY TO JUDGE THOSE WHO MINISTER

**1 THESSALONIANS 5:12** AND WE BESEECH YOU, BRETHREN, TO KNOW THEM WHICH LABOR AMONG YOU, AND ARE OVER YOU IN THE LORD, AND ADMONISH YOU.

**2 TIMOTHY 3:10-11A** BUT THOU HAST FULLY KNOWN MY DOCTRINE, MANNER OF LIFE, PURPOSE, FAITH,

LONGSUFFERING, CHARITY, PATIENCE, PERSECUTIONS, AFFLICTIONS, WHICH CAME UNTO ME....

#### B. PAUL'S ANALYSIS OF FALSE TEACHERS

**2 TIMOTHY 6:6-7** FOR OF THIS SORT ARE THEY WHICH CREEP INTO HOUSES, AND LEAD CAPTIVE SILLY WOMEN LADEN WITH SINS, LED AWAY WITH DIVERS LUSTS, EVER LEARNING, AND NEVER ABLE TO COME TO THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE TRUTH.

1. THE MINISTRY OF THE TEACHER IS TO BRING US TO CHRIST
2. IF THE TEACHING WE ARE RECEIVING IS NOT MAKING US TO KNOW CHRIST, THE TRUTH, WE HAD BETTER CHECK OUT THE TEACHING AND THE TEACHER

#### C. SOME MODERN HERESIES

1. SALVATION WITHOUT SEPARATION
2. THE CROWN WITHOUT THE CROSS
  - A. THE PROSPERITY TEACHING
  - B. POSITIVE CONFESSION

### III. TWO PROMISES TO THE CHURCH AT THYATIRA

#### A. TO THE FALSE PROPHETESS AND HER FOLLOWERS

1. GREAT TRIBULATION WILL FALL UPON THEM
2. DEATH
  - A. PHYSICAL
  - B. SPIRITUAL
3. HER DOWNFALL WILL REVEAL GOD'S JUDGEMENT TO THE CHURCH

#### B. TO THE CHURCH, UNTARNISHED BY HER DOCTRINE

1. NO OTHER BURDEN WILL BE PLACED ON THEM
2. POWER OVER THE NATIONS TO OVERCOMER