

The Church in Thyatira

Revelation 2:18-29

## **Map of Thyatira**



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#### The Church

- Thyatira was known for its trade guilds.
- All churches, large or small, are important to Jesus.
- In this letter, God was telling the church, that He sees all things and overlooks nothing.
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- The church in Thyatira was growing spiritually, evidenced by the work they were doing.

#### The Problem

- In the midst of their growth, the church allowed an ungodly woman to rise to a place of enormous spiritual influence.
- The problem in Thyatira and most churches today is we do not like to confront sin.
- When we allow sin to fester, it is like mold; if you do not stop it, clean it up and kill it, it will continue to grow.
- Thyatira was dealing with sexual sin.

#### Satan's Lies

- Satan wants us to think that he's good, truthful, loving, and powerful.
- The Word of God and our relationship with God are our most powerful tools in recognizing and fighting sin.
- Jesus tells us to not give in to the ways of the world.
- Satan presents sin to us as something pleasing and beautiful.
- Darkness is a result of attempting to find truth without the Word of God.

### Warning

- "Jezebel" enticed her followers by promising them knowledge.
- False prophets love "deep secrets," a world of signs, omens and prophecies that give you insight into a "hidden world."
- A few moments of fun and pleasure will be replaced with an eternity of suffering.
- Jesus is the morning star, the one who conquers and has all the power.
- If we are faithful, we will share in His victory.

#### Conclusion

- If you are not willing to accept the world's way to live, then you are viewed as a narrow-minded, intolerant bigot.
- The philosophy of the world is "If it feels good, it must be good, so do it."
- We are good at rationalizing away our behavior,
- when we know it is wrong.
  Jezebel's voice is not silent in the 21st century any more than it was in the 1st or in the 10th century BC.
- We may have to live with the consequences of our past, but we can have the burden of guilt lifted from our heart.
- You can have Jezebel, or you can have Jesus, but you cannot have them both.