



Revelation 2:18-29

Repent and Hold Fast

## **Revelation 1-3**

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“He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.”

The Vision of Jesus Christ, the Son of Man (Revelation 1)



The Seven Letters to the Seven Churches of Asia Minor (Revelation 2-3)

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# Repent & Hold Fast textual structure Revelation 2:18-29

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The Son of God  
to the church  
in Thyatira

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perseverance

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Overcoming with  
The King as  
kingdom citizens

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**18** “And to the angel of the church in Thyatira write:

The Son of God, who has eyes like a flame of fire, and His feet are like burnished bronze, says this:

**19** ‘I know your deeds, and your love and faith and service and perseverance, and that your deeds of late are greater than at first.

**20** But I have this against you, that you tolerate the woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess, and she teaches and leads My bond-servants astray so that they commit acts of immorality and eat things sacrificed to idols. **21** I gave her time to repent, and she does not want to **repent** of her immorality.

**22** Behold, I will throw her on a bed of sickness, and those who commit adultery with her into great tribulation, unless they repent of her deeds. **23** And I will kill her children with pestilence, and all the churches will know that I am He who searches the minds and hearts; and I will give to each one of you according to your deeds.



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**24** But I say to you, the rest who are in Thyatira, who do not hold this teaching, who have not known the deep things of Satan, as they call them—I place no other burden on you. **25** Nevertheless what you have, **hold fast** until I come. **26** He who overcomes, and he who keeps My deeds until the end, to him I will give authority over the nations; **27** and he shall rule them with a rod of iron, as the vessels of the potter are broken to pieces, as I also have received authority from My Father; **28** and I will give him the morning star. **29** He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.'

“To the angel of the church in Thyatira write...”



Revelation  
2:18

Point #1:  
The Son of  
God to the  
church at  
Thyatira

**18** “And to the angel of the church in  
Thyatira write:

The Son of God, who has eyes like a flame  
of fire, and His feet are like burnished  
bronze, says this:

- In 1:15, Jesus’ feet were also described as like burnished bronze, when it has been made to glow in a furnace.
- Apollo Tyrimnaeus was a patron deity.

## Revelation 2:19

### Point #2:

Affirmation  
of love, faith,  
service and  
perseverance

**19** 'I know your deeds, and your love and faith and service and perseverance, and that your deeds of late are greater than at first.

- Jesus is encouraging the church's application of many truths.
- Jesus is practicing the power of affirmation and celebrating progress.



Revelation  
2:20

Point #3:  
Tolerate  
Jezebel,  
sexual  
immorality  
and idolatry

**20** But I have this against you, that you tolerate the woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess, and she teaches and leads My bond-servants astray so that they commit acts of immorality and eat things sacrificed to idols.

- This young Christian church was being influenced by this first century Jezebel toward sexual license and participation in pagan shrines in connection with the trade guilds.

## Revelation 2:21-23

Point #4:

A severe  
warning and  
a serious  
Searcher

**21** I gave her time to repent, and she does not want to **repent** of her immorality. **22** Behold, I will throw her on a bed of sickness, and those who commit adultery with her into great tribulation, unless they repent of her deeds. **23** And I will kill her children with pestilence, and all the churches will know that I am He who searches the minds and hearts; and I will give to each one of you according to your deeds.

- The Lord will take action against sin.

Revelation  
2:24-25

Point #5:

Hold fast

His teaching  
(abide in  
the Word)

**24** But I say to you, the rest who are in Thyatira, who do not hold this teaching, who have not known the deep things of Satan, as they call them—I place no other burden on you. **25** Nevertheless what you have, **hold fast** until I come.

- Deep things from Satan are dark things.
- The more you love the Lord...the more you will live in the light.

Revelation  
2:26-29

Point #6:

Hold fast

His teaching  
(abide in  
the Word)

**26** He who overcomes, and he who keeps My deeds until the end, to him I will give authority over the nations; **27** and he shall rule them with a rod of iron, as the vessels of the potter are broken to pieces, as I also have received authority from My Father; **28** and I will give him the morning star. **29** He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.'

- Throughout the Bible, Jesus is making His people a royal priesthood and holy nation.

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# Practical Application

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1. Fully surrender yourself to Him.  
Fully surrender your church to Him.
  2. Renounce any sin.
  3. Abide in Him. Abide in His love. Abide in His Word.
  4. Turn from any ungodly practice.
  5. Consider how you think, act and influence.
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