

THE SEVEN CHURCHES |
HOLDING FAST TO TRUTH WHEN TEMPTED TO TOLERATE DEPRAVITY
REVELATION 2:18-29

Thyatira was an inland city in Asia Minor that existed on a plain. It was a city that at one time was an outpost for soldiers who would have protected Pergamum. Because of its inland location and flat topography, it was repeatedly invaded with little protection. In the time John wrote Revelation, it was known for its institution of trade guilds. The guilds held banquets that would begin and end with a sacrifice to the gods or the god of the guild. After eating the food sacrificed to the gods they would partake in grossly immoral activities. Christians who refused to take part in these celebrations would often have their livelihood threatened. It is in this environment that a wicked person exercised great influence in the church. What truths can we learn from studying Jesus's address to the church at Thyatira?

1. Jesus is serious about sin and will judge those who _____ and _____ unrepentant sin in the church.

2. Jesus shows mercy to those who _____ to truth and _____ in faithfulness.

3. Jesus graciously promises that those who are _____ will _____ with Him despite the _____ they face in the church.