

Message: *Jesus or Jezebel?*

Scripture: Revelation 2:18-29

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Thyatira was famous for its unusual number of trade guilds with countless feasts. Could a Christian join in a pagan ceremony? Could a Christian eat meat offered to Apollo the sun god? Could a Christian participate in feasts filled with drunkenness and immorality?

Who will I follow: Jesus or those around me? Who will be first: the Lord Jesus or others' expectations? Which will take precedence over and control my everyday decisions?

1. **REMEMBER:** Only one thing matters most. Christians are tempted to compromise in a materialistic culture. We need courage and grace to follow our Lord without compromise.

2. **REMINDER:** Keep doing what we've been doing. The four character qualities in Rev 2:19—love and faith, service and perseverance—are central to our faith.

3. **RESIST:** Don't play with fire. This passage warns about the widespread influence of false teaching and caution against trusting in anything other than Jesus Christ.

GROWING DEEPER (Reflection & Application)

1. How does Jesus describe Himself to the church in Thyatira? Why is this appropriate for them?
2. How is the nature and source of temptation in this church similar and different to the church in Pergamum?
3. Who or what has played a role similar to Jezebel in your life? How did the Lord free you from that influence?
4. What do you appreciate the most about the promise to "those who overcome"? Why?