

## Thyatira: Unloving Tolerance Revelation 2:18-29

- I. Pray and read passage together (Revelation 2:18-29)
- II. Discuss how you understand the word tolerance? In your experience, how is it a good thing and when is it a bad thing?
- III. **Read Rev. 2:18-19.** How does Jesus' self-revelation, help us understand his message to the church in Thyatira?
- IV. **Read Rev. 2:20-23.** The sin here in Thyatira was tolerance of false teaching and sinful behaviour. If we are saved by grace, why do our works matter to Jesus?
- V. How does a loving parent, help us understand Jesus' rebuke? "It is like a loving parent does not tolerate certain behaviour in their children's lives"
- VI. Discuss God's judgement as "a removal of His hand of protection" or allowing us to face the consequences of our actions?
- VII. In Revelation 2:23, Jesus says he will "give them according to their works". What does that mean?
- VIII. Pastor Carsten discussed the "Three Uses of the Law". How do these help us navigate the "law vs faith" debate?
  - A. **Correction** - scriptures commands can serve to show us where we have gotten off track. Paul calls it a school teacher that can show us where we made mistakes. Scripture has power to awaken our conscience.
  - B. **Revelation** - The Law serves as a perfect reflection of who God is and what he wants from us. The law can be like a mirror, showing us God's requirements and is good for driving us toward Jesus. . who has fulfilled the law on our behalf. Scripture has power to awaken gospel-filled gratitude.

- C. **Guide** -The law becomes the believer's helper. Empowered by the gospel truth of forgiveness and righteousness in Christ, the believer's new self eagerly desires to live to please God. Scripture is like a guide or coach spurring us on toward holiness. . . Scripture awakens our aspirations towards holy living. (jesus uses this often in the gospels)

### IX. Applications:

- A. Jesus searches the heart motives behind our actions. Think of a situation that lays ahead of you this week. Ask yourself what will motivate your actions? Christ's rule or Self-rule?
  - B. The sin in Thyatira was tolerance. What sin in our life do we tend to tolerate and how might we repent from this sin and become intolerant to it?
  - C. Who can you ask to walk with you and help you to see yourself more fully?
- X. Close in Prayer