

“Jesus’ Letter to the Church at Thyatira (Revelation 2:18-29)”

Summary of the Church at Thyatira (Revelation 2:18–29)

Jesus addresses the church at Thyatira with a message through John, and it is the **longest letter to any of the seven churches**, though Thyatira was the **least politically significant** city. Here's the structure of the message:

Commendation (v. 19):

“I know your deeds, your love and faith, your service and perseverance, and that you are now doing more than you did at first.”

- This church was **active**, growing in **good works, love, faith, and perseverance**.
- Spiritually, there was **maturity and progress**.

Condemnation (vv. 20–21):

“Nevertheless, I have this against you: You tolerate that woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophet. By her teaching, she misleads my servants into sexual immorality and the eating of food sacrificed to idols.”

- "**Jezebel**" likely refers to a real woman or symbolic figure teaching **false doctrine**.

- She promoted **compromise with pagan practices**, likely linked to trade guilds involving idol worship and immorality.
- The church **tolerated her** rather than confronting the sin.

Warning & Judgment (vv. 22–23):

“So I will cast her on a bed of suffering...”

- Jesus warns of **severe consequences** for those who follow her ways.
- This includes **sickness, tribulation**, and judgment to “**repay each according to their deeds**.”

Promise to the Overcomers (vv. 24–29):

“To the one who is victorious and does my will to the end, I will give authority over the nations...”

- Faithful believers will rule with Christ and receive the “**morning star**” — likely a reference to **Christ Himself** (Rev. 22:16).

HOPE Calendar

Wednesday, August 20
Study and Prayer
Bible Study @ 7pm
Prayer @ 7:45

Thursday, August 21
Worship Team Rehearsal @ 7:00

Sunday, August 24
Worship Team Run Through
@ 8:00 a.m.
Worship @ 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School @ 11:15

Wednesday, August 27
Study and Prayer
Bible Study @ 7pm
Prayer @ 7:45

Thursday, August 28
Worship Team Rehearsal @ 7:00

**Helping Hands for
August 24, 2025**

Live Streaming
Diane Williams
Soundboard
Jane Davis
ProPresenter
Bill Joyner
Communion
Elizabeth Floyd

**Sunday's Scriptures &
Sermon Title**

**"The Quest to Know...
Goodness."**

Prophecies	O.T.	N.T.
Aug 17	John 13:18	
Aug 18	Ps 55:15	
Aug 19	Matt 27:3-5	
Aug 20	Ps 68:18	
Aug 21	Eph. 4:7-16	
Aug 22	Ps 68:18	

GROW

Women of HOPE

Meetings generally at HOPE
on the second and fourth
Saturdays
every month

"Food of the Month"
for the Raleigh Dream Center
Food Pantry

**KID'S TREATS - Salty, Sweet, or
Fruity**
Individually Wrapped
OR

**A cash donation to HOPE for the
church to obtain these items.**
We have a collection bin in the
foyer

SERVE

TLC Devotion
August 27, 2025
@ 11:00 a.m.

5124 Departure Dr # 101,
Raleigh

HOPE Meal Ministry
Take a meal from the freezer if
needed for you or someone
else.

UPCOMING
WOMEN OF HOPE
Saturdays at 10 a.m. at
HOPE
8/23
Discipling/Mentoring

Prayer Requests:
Dr. Chris and Lori King, Kathi's Friend, Sandy,
Joan's friend, Donna, Patty Moyer and her
son Brandon, Jerry's scheduling and Alice's
transplant possibilities, Tom and Donna
Williams, Ryan's Mom and Dad, Gene &
Becky Hale, Ron Clifton, Josh McDonald,
Erin's parents and brother, Janice
Worthington, Donna Williams, Burton(Erin),
Phil Parton, Krishana, Sam and Rachael,
Joan Rollinson, Dianne Reinoso, Cindy
(Elizabeth), Barbara(81) Stroke, Joey(18)
Crohn's, Youth Ministry, Kathy Jo and her
family, Peggy Karpenske, Claudia in Idaho
(Kathy H), Dave & Dot Geil, Corbin Broome,
The Mallory family, Carol & Colin (Kathy H),
Loretta (Sandi U), Joan Summers, Jordan
Stevens (Lynn J.), Our Military, Police, Fire,
and EMS, Missionaries, the Nation.

SERVING OPPORTUNITIES

1. Please sign-up for
Nursery Helpers.
2. Help with pick-up for
Pauline Suh. Sign-up
sheet available.
3. **Covered Dish Fellowship**
on September 14. Please
see sign-up sheet.

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WOMEN OF HOPE
Saturdays at 10 a.m. at HOPE
8/23
Discipling/Mentoring
9/13
Spiritual Disciplines - What's Yours
9/27

NO MEETING - Attending
Presbytery in Cary

HOPE Church Raleigh
An Evangelical Presbyterian Church
4911 Green Rd
Raleigh, NC 27616
919-508-6827
Worship Time: 9:30 AM

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YouTube.com (type "HOPE Church Raleigh"
in the search box)

Parallels to the Modern Church

The message to Thyatira carries **powerful warnings and encouragements** for churches today:

1. Growth Without Discernment

- **Then:** Thyatira was growing in love and good works but lacked **doctrinal vigilance**.
- **Now:** Many modern churches are active in social justice, charity, and inclusion, but may neglect **biblical truth** or allow false teachings in the name of tolerance.

2. Tolerating False Teaching

- **Then:** Jezebel led people astray into **idolatry and immorality**.
- **Now:** Churches sometimes **compromise biblical morals** to avoid offense — particularly regarding **sexual ethics, gender identity, or prosperity gospel** teachings.

3. Cultural Compromise

- **Then:** Participation in trade guilds may have required joining pagan rituals.
- **Now:** Churches and believers may compromise to align with **cultural, political, or economic systems** (e.g., consumerism, nationalism, or secularism).

4. Judgment Begins in the House of God


- Jesus warns that He **searches hearts and minds** and will judge accordingly.
- The modern church must remember that **purity matters**, not just productivity.

5. Hope and Reward for the Faithful

- Even amidst corruption, there were some in Thyatira who **did not follow false ways**.
- In modern times, God honors those who **stay faithful**, even in spiritually compromised environments.

Takeaway

The church at Thyatira represents a **loving, active, but undiscerning church** that allowed false teaching and moral compromise. Today, this is a warning to not **prioritize tolerance over truth**.

 **Key lesson:** Love and service are essential, but they must be grounded in **truth and holiness**. Compromise with error, even in the name of love or progress, brings judgment.