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Message Series: The 7 Churches of Revelation: Times of Fire”

Today’s Message: Thyatira: The Too Tolerant Church

Our Focus: Ephesians 3:14-19

Previously:

- 1) Ephesus - “you cannot tolerate the Evil One” (Rev. 2:2)
- 2) Smyrna - attacked by the synagogue of Satan
- 3) Pergamum - existed where the throne of Satan resided
- 4) **Today:** Thyatira - “learned Satan’s so called deep secrets”

1. God’s Call to Communicate His Truth

2 Timothy 4:1, 2

Ephesians 4:15

M.L.K. Jr - “There comes a time when silence is betrayal... Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter.”

Today: 1) Some: are too politically obsessed—everything is politics.

Matthew 6:33

1 John 4:7, 12

1 John 2:15, 17

- 2) Others: refuse to consider the evil devouring our culture: Too Fearful.

Acts 20:27, 28

Jeremiah 1:9, 10

Matthew 25:31, 45

2. Thyatira - “Christ’s Eyes Like A Burning Fire”

Revelation 2:18

Get This: “Christ’s eyes” - see thru pretenses but His penetrating gaze is not only judgement but to ultimately heal and forgive.

John 3:17, 36

3. Christ’s Commendation

Revelation 2:19

Jesus commends their: 1) “Deeds” - had people who acted out their “love & faith”

- 2) “Their Service and Perseverance” - people were very involved in loving ministry and serving others; and didn’t quit.

- 3) Were “Doing More” - they kept growing and didn’t just “take it easy”

Friendship Church: God’s Good For Us

1 Timothy 1:5

4. Christ’s Criticism

Revelation 2:20-23

Thyatira Was: 1) Trying hard to fit in with the culture

- 2) Tolerating / Excusing Sin and so Forsaking Absolute Truth For Relativism

5. Correction & Crown

Revelation 2:24-25, 29

Hebrews 2:1, 18