

Feb 23, 2025 – Questions to Discuss and Consider at Home or in Small Group

“Jesus Loves the Church,” 4 -- Revelation 2:18-29

Questions for Reflection and Discussion:

1. What is significant about Jesus' using the title "Son of God"? How does this relate to the city of Thyatira? How does this relate to Daniel 3?
2. The picture of "eyes like a flame of fire" and "feet like burnished bronze" can be seen and alluded to in Daniel 7 and 10. What is the meaning of Jesus' using these metaphors?
3. When Jesus says, "I know your works," what does He mean by "works"? What is the context when you find "faith" and "endurance" in the rest of the book of Revelation? (2:5; 13:10; 14:12)
4. Who is Jezebel in 1 Kings 16-19? What does she represent?
5. When you compare Pergamum and Thyatira, what descriptors or phrases might lead you to conclude that Thyatira had tolerated the false teaching for a longer period of time – or perhaps it was even endemic in the church?
6. How does Christ show mercy even to the followers of this Jezebel? Are they without hope? What are they called to do?
7. If we have been justified in Christ, cleansed of our sin, and clothed in His righteousness, does it make any difference how we then live? How does Revelation 2:23 help answer this question?
8. Do you think the prophetess was peddling her teaching as the "deep things of Satan"?
9. Again as last week, Bruce Metzger writes about how Thyatira's troubles relate to us: "Every generation of Christians must face the question: How far should I accept and adopt contemporary standards and practices?"

10. What is ironic about being a conqueror or "overcomer"? How do we conquer? (See Romans 8:35-37; John 16:33; Revelation 11:7; Philippians 2:1-11)
11. What is the semi-quote from Psalm 2 -- "rod of iron as when earthen pots are broken in pieces" -- pointing to as something to long for in hope?
12. What is the morning star? How does Balaam's final oracle tie in with this from Numbers 24? Who is the "morning star"? What promise does it foretell?