

You've Got Mail!
A Series of Messages Based
On the Letters to the Seven Churches
Of Revelation

*The Letter to the Church At Thyratira:
Reject Relativism*

Revelation 2:18-29

Revelation 2:18-28 (English Standard Version)

18 *"And to the angel of the church in Thyatira write: 'The words of the Son of God, who has eyes like a flame of fire, and whose feet are like burnished bronze.*

Revelation 2:18-28 (English Standard Version)

19 *"I know your works, your love and faith and service and patient endurance, and that your latter works exceed the first. 20 But I have this against you, that you tolerate that woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess and is teaching and seducing my servants to practice sexual immorality and to eat food sacrificed to idols.*

Revelation 2:18-28 (English Standard Version)

21 *I gave her time to repent, but she refuses to repent of her sexual immorality.*

22 *Behold, I will throw her onto a sickbed, and those who commit adultery with her I will throw into great tribulation, unless they repent of her works, 23 and I will strike her children dead. And all the churches will know that I am he who searches mind and heart, and I will give to each of you according to your works.*

Revelation 2:18-28 (English Standard Version)

24 *But to the rest of you in Thyatira, who do not hold this teaching, who have not learned what some call the deep things of Satan, to you I say, I do not lay on you any other burden. 25 Only hold fast what you have until I come.*

Revelation 2:18-29 (English Standard Version)

26 *The one who conquers and who keeps my works until the end, to him I will give authority over the nations, 27 and he will rule them with a rod of iron, as when earthen pots are broken in pieces, even as I myself have received authority from my Father. 28 And I will give him the morning star. 29 He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.'*

Christ Calls Us to Reject Relativism
The Danger to Growth – Tolerating Wrong
“I know your works, your love and faith and service and patient endurance, and that your latter works exceed the first. 20 But I have this against you, that you tolerate that woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess and is teaching and seducing my servants to practice sexual immorality and to eat food sacrificed to idols.
Revelation 2:19-20 (ESV)

Christ Calls Us to Reject Relativism
The Danger to Growth – Tolerating Wrong
Wrong Doctrine
Wrong Morality/Ethics
But I have this against you, that you tolerate that woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess and is teaching and seducing my servants to practice sexual immorality and to eat food sacrificed to idols.
Revelation 2:19-20 (ESV)

Christ Calls Us to Reject Relativism
The Danger to Growth – Tolerating Wrong
Evaluating the danger:
We live in a time of “tolerance”
Decisions are becoming more difficult
Use Scripture as the guide

Christ Calls Us to Reject Relativism

It is actually reported that there is sexual immorality among you, and of a kind that is not tolerated even among pagans, for a man has his father's wife....9 I wrote to you in my letter not to associate with sexually immoral people— 10 not at all meaning the sexually immoral of this world, or the greedy and swindlers, or idolaters, since then you would need to go out of the world.

1 Corinthians 5:1,9-13 (ESV)

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11 But now I am writing to you not to associate with anyone who bears the name of brother if he is guilty of sexual immorality or greed, or is an idolater, reviler, drunkard, or swindler—not even to eat with such a one. 12 For what have I to do with judging outsiders? Is it not those inside the church whom you are to judge? 13 God judges those outside. “Purge the evil person from among you.”

1 Corinthians 5:1,9-13 (ESV)

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But take care that this right of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. 10 For if anyone sees you who have knowledge eating in an idol's temple, will he not be encouraged, if his conscience is weak, to eat food offered to idols? 11 And so by your knowledge this weak person is destroyed, the brother for whom Christ died.

1 Corinthians 8:9-13 (ESV)

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12 Thus, sinning against your brothers and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. 13 Therefore, if food makes my brother stumble, I will never eat meat, lest I make my brother stumble.
1 Corinthians 8:9-13 (ESV)

Christ Calls Us to Reject Relativism
The Danger to Growth – Tolerating Wrong
Evaluating the danger:
Does it promote sin?
Does it cause a fellow Christ-follower to stumble in faith?

Christ Calls Us to Reject Relativism
Christ Promises Judgment - Absolutely
I gave her time to repent, but she refuses to repent of her sexual immorality.
22 Behold, I will throw her onto a sickbed, and those who commit adultery with her I will throw into great tribulation, unless they repent of her works, 23 and I will strike her children dead. Revelation 2:21-23 (ESV)

Christ Calls Us to Reject Relativism
Christ Promises Judgment - Absolutely
And all the churches will know that I am he who searches mind and heart, and I will give to each of you according to your works.
Revelation 2:21-23 (ESV)

Christ Calls Us to Reject Relativism
Christ Calls Us to Absolute Faithfulness
But to the rest of you in Thyatira, who do not hold this teaching, who have not learned what some call the deep things of Satan, to you I say, I do not lay on you any other burden. 25 Only hold fast what you have until I come.
Revelation 2:24-25 (ESV)

Christ Calls Us to Reject Relativism
Christ Promises We Will Share in His Absolute Victory and Presence
The one who conquers and who keeps my works until the end, to him I will give authority over the nations, 27 and he will rule them with a rod of iron, as when earthen pots are broken in pieces, even as I myself have received authority from my Father.
Revelation 2:26-29 (ESV)




