

Week 5:

The Church in Thyatira

Revelation 2:8-11 (NIV)

A. The City of Thyatira

1. The Geographical Importance
 - a. It was a commercial town.
 - b. It was the gateway to Pergamum.
 - c. It was situated in an open valley.
2. The Religious Importance
 - a. It was not a center of Greek or Caesar worship.
 - b. It had a form of religious freedom.

B. The Church in Thyatira

1. The good

“These are the words of the Son of God, Whose eyes are like blazing fire and Whose feet are like burnished bronze. I know your deeds, your love and faith, your service and perseverance, and that you are now doing more than you did at first.” Revelation 2:18b-19 (NIV)

 - a. Love and faith

- b. Service and perseverance
- c. Maturing faith

2. The bad

“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. I have given her time to repent of her immorality, but she is unwilling. So I will cast her on a bed of suffering, and I will make those who commit adultery with her suffer intensely, unless they repent of her ways. I will strike her children dead. Then all the churches will know that I am He who searches hearts and minds, and I will repay each of you according to your deeds.” Revelation 2:20-23 (NIV)

 - a. The seducing of a bride
 - b. A distracting compromise
 - c. A fair searching (Jeremiah 17:10)

3. The promise

“Now I say to the rest of you in Thyatira, to you who do not hold to her teaching and have not learned Satan’s so-called deep secrets, ‘I will not impose any other burden on you, except to hold on to what you have until I come.’ To the one who is victorious and does My will to the end, I will give authority over the nations—that one ‘will rule them with an iron scepter and will dash them to pieces like pottery’—just as I have received authority from My Father. I will also give that one the morning star. Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches.” Revelation 2:24-29 (NIV)

 - a. The overcomer is free from unnecessary burden.

- b. The overcomer is given power over the nations.
- c. The overcomer is given the Morning Star.

C. From Hearing to Activation

1. *Truth*-Hold fast to the commitment you have made to Christ.
2. *Sanctification*-Hold fast to the spiritual growth you have already achieved.
3. *The Great Commission*-Hold fast to the mission of the local church.
4. *Holiness*-Hold fast and do not give in to the seductions of appeal and attractiveness.

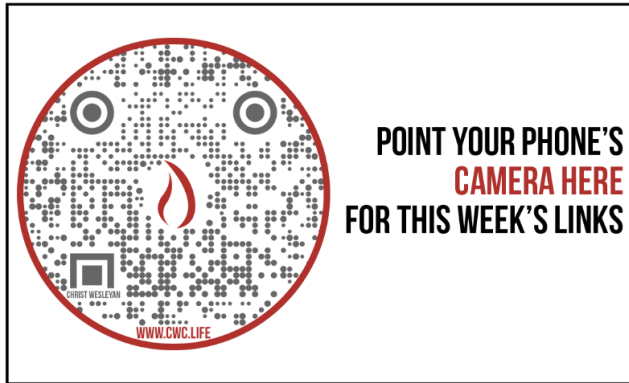
Bottom Line:

Have you come to church to be entertained or instructed—soothed or confronted?

To begin a relationship with Jesus...
Text: IChooseJesus to 570-273-0088

Notetakers are history makers.

Next Sunday: Pastor Ryan Brosious
Fading Light: A Foretold Warning
for the Modern Church
Week 6: Revelation 3:1-6
The Church in Sardis



Upcoming Happenings:

- Sept. 7 Mid-Week Kickoff**
- Sept. 9 Encounter**
- Sept. 10 Men's Breakfast**
- Sept. 11 Classics Fall Kickoff Dinner**
- Sept. 18 Connection Breakfast**
(Milton Campus)
- Sept. 24 Priscilla Shirer Simulcast**
- Sept. 30 The Isaacs & The Martins**
Concert
- Oct. 28 Trunk or Treat**

Giving and Attendance Update

Giving last Sunday: 82.1%

Giving year to date: 93.7%

Last Sunday weekend attendance: 1,989

Salvations to date: 83 | Baptisms to date: 21