

**Christ in the Midst
of His Churches (2)
Rev. 2:18-3:13**

I. His Message to Thyatira – 2:18-28

1. He addresses the messenger of the church – 18
He speaks as “The words of the Son of God”
He has full authority as the Lord of the Church
2. He speaks as “One who has eyes like a flame of fire”
“Piercing, penetrating eyes, seeing into the Heart” – 1:14
3. “Whose feet are like burnished bronze”
This suggests judgement as in Brazen Altar
4. Words of commendation – 19
“I Know your works, your love, and faith, and service, and patience endurance”
This is a commendable list but He does not speak of them individually
Except to say that your “latter works exceed the first” – lots of activity
5. Words of condemnation – 20
“This I have against you” – serious words for this church
“You tolerate that woman Jezebel who calls herself a prophetess”
She evidently has been allowed to teach in the church
She is teaching and seducing my servants to practice sexual immorality
Eat food sacrificed to idols –worship false gods
This woman, Jezebel was the wife of King Ahab – 1 Kings 16:31-33
Her father worshipped Baal & she introduced Baal worship into Israel
Elijah challenged priests of Baal, defeated & killed them – 1 Kings 18:20-40
She also tried to kill God’s prophet, Elijah 1 Kl. 19:1-2
The woman teaching in the church is like “Jezebel”
The Lord established that the Teacher (Pastor) of the church is to be “husband of one wife” – Titus 1:4-6; 1 Tim. 3:1-4
God’s Word sets forth order for “The teacher of the Church – 1Cor. 14:29-34
6. Words of warning to the church – 21-23
Jesus said “I gave her time to repent but she refuses to repent” - 21
Of her sexual immorality
Jesus also said “I will throw her onto a sick bed” - 22
“And those who commit adultery with her I will throw into great tribulation”
“Unless they repent of her works”
Graciously our Lord offers forgiveness with true repentance
Jesus also said “I will strike her children dead” – 23
Those who follow this false teacher

- The speaker (Jesus) searches mind & heart
He will give to each of you according to your works
7. Words of Counsel – 24-25
Jesus challenges those who do not hold her teaching – 24
Teaching which “some call the deep things of Satan”
To these He says “I lay no other burden on you”
“Only hold fast what you have, until I come” – 25
 8. Promises for the faithful – 26-28
“The one who conquers and keeps my works unto the end”
“To him I will give authority over the nations” - 26
“He will rule them with a rod of iron” – 27
As when earthen pots are broken in pieces”
“Even as I myself have received authority from my Father”
“And I will give him the morning star” – 28
 9. “He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches”
As in each of these 7 churches we need to pay attention to what our Lord is speaking.
We need to apply His message

II. His Message to Sardis – 3:1-6

1. Jesus speaks to this church as the Head of the Church – 1
He has a responsibility to fulfill as the Lord
He has the seven spirits of God and the seven stars
He is not too pleased as he examines this church
2. As He walks among them He is concerned – 1
This church has a reputation of “being alive”
But as He evaluates their works
He sees them as “you are dead”
3. His challenge to them is to “wake up” – 2
“Strengthen what remains and is about to die”
“I have not found your works complete in the sight of My God”
4. “Remember what you received & heard” - 3
Keep it, and repent”
This church desperately needs revival
“If you will not wake up, I will come like a thief”
“You will not know at what hour I will come against you”
5. Consider the few faithful names in Sardis – 4
“People who have not spoiled their garments”
“They will walk with me in white, for they are worthy”
6. “The One who conquers will be clothed in white garments” – 5
“I will never blot his name out of the book of life”
“I will confess his name before my Father & before His angels”
7. “He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says” – 6
This applies to all the churches
And to every one who has an ear (Listen and do what He says)

