

“The church at Thyatira”

Rev. 2:18-29

Introduction

- I. There were seven specific congregations mentioned by Jesus in the book of Revelation.
- II. One of those congregations was the church at Thyatira (cf. Lydia [Acts 16:14]).
 - A. Jesus knows the current state of congregations.
 - B. Jesus knows those who are unfaithful.
 - C. Jesus knows those who are faithful.

Discussion

- I. Jesus knows the current state of congregations.
 - A. Jesus knows the work, or lack thereof, of congregations.
 1. All seven congregations received this statement.
 2. Are we doing the works that Jesus wants done (Luke 19:10).
 - B. Jesus knows the love of congregations (1 Cor. 13:1-3).
 - C. Jesus knows the faith of congregations (Heb. 11:6).
 - D. Jesus knows the “ministry” of congregations (could be a reference to benevolence; cf. Acts 6:1).
 - E. Jesus knows the “patience” of congregations (2 Pet. 1:6).
 - F. Jesus knows if we are growing [“last more than the first”] (2 Pet. 3:18).
- II. Jesus knows those who are unfaithful.
 - A. Each congregation has those who are faithful and those who are unfaithful.
 - B. We are expected to be “faithful stewards” of what is the Lord's (1 Cor. 4:2).
 - C. The church at Thyatira was “suffering” or tolerating the unfaithful.
 1. The church is to discipline the unfaithful (1 Cor. 5; Rom. 16:17; 2 Thess. 3:6).
 2. Thyatira was not doing such.
 - D. In Thyatira, “Jezebel” and her followers were the unfaithful.
 1. The Lord will not accept unfaithful brethren (1 Cor. 6:9; Jude 15).
 2. Sins were openly encouraged, accepted and committed.
 - E. If we are the unfaithful, we need to accept the Lord's willingness to let us repent before it is too late (Acts 17:30-31; 2 Pet. 3:9; Acts 26:20).
 1. If we do not repent, then destruction will follow (Gal. 6:7; Hos. 8:7).
 2. The Lord knows our hearts (John 2:25; Heb. 4:12-13).
- III. Jesus knows those who faithful.
 - A. They were to “hold fast” (1 Cor. 15:2; 1 Thess. 5:21).
 - B. Their faithfulness was to be rewarded (Rom. 1:16; 2 Thess. 1:8-9; Rev. 22:16).
 - C. Consider Paul and his faithfulness (2 Tim. 4:6-8).

Conclusion

- I. The church at Thyatira is worthy our study.
- II. From such we learn that Jesus is well aware of what is happening in the church of Christ.