



# LOVE SO AMAZING

The Love of Christ Exhibited

Specifically to Each of the Churches in Revelation

2022 THEME

Revelation 2:18 And unto the angel of the church in Thyatira write; These things saith the Son of God, who hath his eyes like unto a flame of fire, and his feet *are* like fine brass;

19 **I know thy works**, and charity, and service, and faith, and thy patience, and thy works; and the last *to be* more than the first.

20 Notwithstanding I have a few things against thee, because thou sufferest that woman Jezebel, which calleth herself a prophetess, to teach and to seduce my servants to commit fornication, and to eat things sacrificed unto idols.

21 And I gave her space to repent of her fornication; and she repented not.

22 Behold, I will cast her into a bed, and them that commit adultery with her into great tribulation, except they repent of their deeds.

23 And I will kill her children with death; and **all the churches shall know that I am he which searcheth the reins and hearts: and I will give unto every one of you according to your works.**

24 But unto you I say, and unto the rest in Thyatira, as many as have not this doctrine, and which have not known the depths of Satan, as they speak; I will put upon you none other burden.

25 But **that which ye have *already* hold fast till I come.**

26 And he that overcometh, and keepeth my works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations:

27 And he shall rule them with a rod of iron; as the vessels of a potter shall they be broken to shivers: even as I received of my Father.

28 And I will give him the morning star.

29 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.

The Book of Revelation is an unveiling or revealing of the Lord Jesus Christ. In chapters two and three, this book reveals truth about the Lord Jesus that should be a focus of every church – He know a church’s “works.” Regarding the seven churches in these two chapters, note the following:

Revelation 2:2 **I know thy works...**

9 **I know thy works...**

13 **I know thy works...**

19 **I know thy works...**

3:1 **...I know thy works...**

8 **I know thy works...**

15 **I know thy works...**







THYATIRA

The city of Thyatira was situated fifty-five kilometers southeast of Pergamos and eighty kilometers from the Aegean Sea. Its proximity to Pergamos explains why the doctrines of the Nicolaitans had also infiltrated this congregation. Christianity reached Thyatira at an early stage, but the details of its establishment are unknown. Most likely, it was an area reached by Paul's earlier missionary activities from Ephesus.

The city produced a dye used in the production of the purple fabric that was highly prized around the Mediterranean. Its economy was dominated by trade guilds for the bronze, linen, leather, pottery, and dye industries, and it would be difficult for a tradesman unaffiliated with a guild to conduct business in Thyatira.



Each guild had its own religious rituals, and membership would necessitate participation in them.

Acts 16:14 And a certain woman named **Lydia, a seller of purple, of the city of Thyatira**, which worshipped God, heard *us*: whose heart the Lord opened, that she attended unto the things which were spoken of Paul.

The letter to Thyatira is the longest of the seven letters and is positioned at the center of the larger literary unit.

<https://www.revelationanswers.org/2020/06/church-at-thyatira.html>

This morning we will observe the assessment of Christ regarding Thyatira.

I. THE DECLARATION OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST “I know thy works...”

A. The Principle of Identity – the Believers’ Works,  
2:19a “I know thy works...”

❖ The Lord Jesus Christ makes it clear that He is astutely aware of a church’s character:

**Original Word:** οἶδα

**Transliteration:** eidó

**Definition:** be aware, behold, consider, perceive

**Usage:** **I know**, remember, appreciate.

***eídō* ("seeing that becomes knowing") then is a gateway to grasp spiritual truth (reality) from a physical plane.** (*eídō*) then is physical seeing (sight) which should be the constant bridge to mental and spiritual seeing (*comprehension*).

[Strong's Greek: 1492. εἶδω \(eidó\) -- be aware, behold, consider, perceive \(biblehub.com\)](https://www.biblehub.com/greek/1492.htm)

- ❖ The Lord Jesus addressed the church as a singular entity – “thy.”
- ❖ The Lord connects the individual church with its “works.”

**Original Word:** ἔργον

**Transliteration:** ergon

**Definition: Usage:** work, task, employment; a deed, action; that which is wrought or made, a work.

*érgon* (from *ergō*, "to work, accomplish") – a *work* or *worker* who accomplishes

something. ***érgon* ("work") is a deed (action) that carries out (completes) an *inner desire* (intension, purpose).**

<https://biblehub.com/greek/2041.htm>

## B. The Praise for Idiosyncrasies – the Believers’ Ways, 2:19b

Rev. 2:19b “...and charity, and service, and faith, and thy patience...”

- ❖ The church in Thyatira is praised for positive, spiritual characteristics:
- ❖ The church in Thyatira possessed “God-like” love.

**Original Word:** ἀγάπη

**Transliteration:** agapé

**Definition:** love, goodwill; **Usage:** love, benevolence, good will, esteem; plur: love-feasts.

<https://biblehub.com/greek/26.htm>

❖ The church in Thyatira exhibited an attitude of service:

**Original Word:** διακονία

**Transliteration:** diakonia

**Definition:** service, ministry; **Usage:** waiting at table; in a wider sense: service, ministrations.

<https://biblehub.com/greek/1248.htm>

❖ The church in Thyatira lived by faith:

**Original Word:** πίστις

**Transliteration:** pistis

**Definition:** faith, faithfulness; **Usage:** faith, belief, trust, confidence; fidelity, faithfulness.

<https://biblehub.com/greek/4102.htm>

❖ The church in Thyatira had patience:

**Original Word:** ὑπομονή

**Transliteration:** hupomoné

**Definition:** a remaining behind, a patient enduring;  
**Usage:** endurance, steadfastness, patient waiting for.

<https://biblehub.com/greek/5281.htm>

❖ The positive assessment of the church in Thyatira began and closed with praise regarding “works” – indicating the works were progressively accumulating.

Rev. 2:19c “...and thy works; and the last *to be* more than the first.”

❖ The good works of the church at Thyatira were tainted by spiritual malpractice.



## II. THE DIAGNOSIS OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST, 2:20-23

### A. The Notable Faults – The Descriptive Terms

Rev. 2:20 **Notwithstanding I have a few things against thee,** because thou sufferest that woman Jezebel, which calleth herself a prophetess, to teach and to seduce my servants to commit fornication, and to eat things sacrificed unto idols.

- ❖ The good testimony was compromised by other distractions.
- ❖ Consumer Christianity is a distraction that has invaded the churches of today.

A consumer Christian shows up to be served.

A servant shows up to serve.

A consumer Christian feels entitled.

A servant feels grateful.

A consumer Christian points out problems and points their finger.

A servant looks for ways to improve and help.

A consumer Christian asks, "what do they think they're doing?"

A servant asks, "what do they need help with?"

A consumer Christian is focused on their preferences.

A servant is focused on needs of others and the desires of the Master.

A consumer Christian is centered around what they will gain.

A servant is focused on what others will gain.

<https://www.facebook.com/brad.brandon.31>

❖ Spiritual warfare includes the temptation to compromise within the church – “...because thou sufferest that woman Jezebel, which calleth herself a prophetess, to teach...”

B. The Noticeable Faithlessness – the Deceitful Terms – “...and to seduce my servants to commit fornication, and to eat things sacrificed unto idols.”

❖ The Lord Jesus announced His judgment upon “Jezebel:”

Rev. 2:21 And **I gave her space to repent** of her fornication; and she repented not.

22 Behold, I will cast her into a bed, and them that commit adultery with her into great tribulation, **except they repent of their deeds.**

23 And I will kill her children with death; and **all the churches shall know that I am he which searcheth the reins and hearts: and I will give unto every one of you according to your works.**

- ❖ The Lord Jesus was gracious in giving “Jezebel” time to repent.
- ❖ The Lord would judge the church so that other churches would be aware.

1 Timothy 5:20 Them that sin **rebuke before all, that others also may fear.**

❖ Grace rejected brings judgment: (2:22-23)

Proverbs 1:22 How long, ye simple ones, will ye love simplicity? and the scorers delight in their scorning, and fools hate knowledge?

23 Turn you at my reproof: behold, I will pour out my spirit unto you, I will make known my words unto you.

24 **Because I have called, and ye refused;** I have stretched out my hand, and no man regarded;

25 But ye have set at nought all my counsel, and would none of my reproof:

26 **I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when your fear cometh;**

27 When your fear cometh as desolation, and your destruction cometh as a whirlwind; when distress and anguish cometh upon you.

28 **Then shall they call upon me, but I will not answer;** they shall seek me early, but they shall not find me:

29 For that they hated knowledge, and did not choose the fear of the LORD:

30 **They would none of my counsel:** they despised all my reproof.

31 **Therefore shall they eat of the fruit of their own way, and be filled with their own devices.**

### III. THE DEMAND OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST, 2:24-29

#### A. Do Not Lose What You Have

Revelation 2:24 But unto you I say, and unto the rest in Thyatira, as many as have not this doctrine, and which have not known the depths of Satan, as they speak; I will put upon you none other burden.

25 But **that which ye have *already* hold fast till I come.**

**Original Word:** κρατέω

**Part of Speech:** Verb – imperative

**Transliteration:** krateó

**Definition:** to be strong, rule; **Usage:** I am strong, mighty, hence: I rule, am master, prevail; I obtain, take hold of; I hold, hold fast.

*kratéō* – to place under one's grasp (seize hold of, put under control). <https://biblehub.com/greek/2902.htm>

❖ Hold on to what you believe and don't lose it!

Hebrews 4:14 Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, **let us hold fast our profession.**



## B. Do Look at What You Will Have

Revelation 2:26 And he that overcometh, and **keepeth my works** unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations:

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❖ The emphasis on “works” points to the future when a believer is rewarded at the Judgment Seat of Christ.

## Summary

- ❖ Because you have been faithful, be careful not to let your guard down.
- ❖ Beware of the “Jezebel’s” that will lead you away from fellowship with God.
- ❖ Get a grip on what you have, be sensitive to the Spirit, and stay faithful until the Rapture.

## Conclusion

Titus 2:11 For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men,

12 Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, **we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world;**

13 **Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;**

14 Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and **purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.**

15 These things speak, and exhort, and rebuke with all authority. Let no man despise thee.