

NOTES: The Seven and us | Thyatira

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Compelled Church

Purpose of Series: To strengthen your life in Christ, thus strengthening the church in these last days, by heeding the messages from Jesus to the Seven Churches.

Live in a way today that will help you thrive tomorrow

Revelation 2.18-29

Background on Thyatira:

WHAT WE FIND:

A church that is in the world and of the world they lost their separation

Commended for:

- **Love** – you're a church that loves people well
- **Faith** – believe God will show up, meet needs, remain faithful
- **Service** – Live it out, Hands and feet, quick to meet a need
- **Endurance** – remained in hard times, go the distance

Looks like a great church

Purpose could be: Love God, Love people, Serve the world

They were committed to the right thing, but allowing a lot of the wrong things.

AT THE CENTER OF IT ALL: Jezebel

HER MESSAGE:

we can have the best of both worlds, it won't hurt anything to commit a little adultery.

God knows your heart; He sees our intentions look at what is at stake this is survival. We have to do this to succeed

God wouldn't want us to suffer don't be old fashion...out of date teaching.

COMPRAMISE: not doing what you know to be right when you know it is right.

-subjective moralism...

what's right for you is right for you, what's right for me is what's right for me

We cannot view grace as a license to live how we see fit

Balance

We can be intolerant at the expense of love

We can elevate grace at the expense of Holiness

Holiness – Set apart, Consecrated (dedicated) to God

We just think it means perfection decide we could never live like that

Holiness is a position to live from rather than a place to end up

God is more concerned about who you are becoming than what you are doing

But He also knows that what you are doing will help or hinder who he has created you to be

surrender our lives to Christ = Holiness is **given to us** but it is also **asked of us**.

We are set apart, but we are called to live set apart. We have a responsibility in this.

Eph. 4:1, Romans 6:1-2

Sermon discussion Questions:

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For continued study in groups, for families or individual

1. Read Revelation 2.18-29
2. What are the influences in our lives that remind you of how the Guild functioned?
3. How do you interpret the statement “live in the world but not of the World” into your own life?
4. can you share a time when you had to stand up for your faith at the cost of something?
5. what were you feeling in that moment, and how did you persevere through any fear or doubts?
6. How do you see this “Jezebel” spirit in the church and our lives today?
7. Do you see a difference in the words “compromise” and Tolerance”?
8. How do we hold to our convictions and still live in grace and love?
9. Do you agree with the statement “we can elevate grace at the expense of Holiness” why or why not?

Read Romans 6:1-14

10. What do you see here in relation to living a Holy life?

Read: 1 John 2:15-17

11. Discuss what this verse is saying to us about choosing a Holy life
12. have you defined Holiness as perfection? If so how has it effected your view on how to live Holy?

Look at the promise in Revelation 2:24 for those who hold on to their faith

13. How does this encourage you in your faith?

Reflective question for your personal time with God:

- Q) what things are you choosing today that will destroy your tomorrow