

The Tolerating Church at Thyatira  
Revelation 2:18-28

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A. The Head of the Church in Thyatira

1. Jesus writes to the church with authority as Judge  
Rev. 2:18; Rev. 1:14-15; Rev. 19:11-12
2. Jesus writes to the church as the All-Knowing Head  
Rev. 2:19a; Rev. 1:13; Rev. 2:1b

B. His commendations to the church at Thyatira

1. A good church  
Rev. 2:19; 1 Thess. 1:3
2. A growing church  
Rev. 2:19; 1 Thess. 4:9-10

C. His condemnations to the church at Thyatira

1. Tolerance of a false teacher and teachings: Jezebel  
Rev. 2:20; Acts 20:28-29; 3 John 9-10
2. Allowance of public sin  
Rev. 2:20; 1 Cor. 3:1-9; 1 Cor. 5:1-2; Rev. 2:24; Acts 5:1-11

D. His warnings to the church at Thyatira

1. Deal with sin in the church or I will  
Rev. 2:21-22; 1 Peter 4:17
  2. A negative example to other churches  
Rev. 2:23; Acts 5:11; Acts 9:31
- E. His rewards to the overcomers in Thyatira
1. The Lord sustains His true church  
Rev. 2:24; Matt. 16:18; Psalm 127:1
  2. The Lord grants kingdom authority to overcomers  
Rev. 2:26-27; Luke 22:29-30
  3. The Lord gives His overcomers the greatest gift – Himself  
Rev. 2:28; Rev. 22:16

LESSONS LEARNED FROM THE TOLERATING CHURCH

1. Appoint called, discerning, Spirit-filled, non-compromising leaders.
2. Be watchful for wolves and false teaching.
3. Practice biblical church discipline.
4. Understand there will be wheat and tares in the church.
5. Trust the Lord to preserve the church that does right.