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**Revelation 2:18–29 (NASB 95)**

**18** "And to the angel of the church in Thyatira write: The Son of God, who has eyes like a flame of fire, and His feet are like burnished bronze, says this:

**19** 'I know your deeds, and your love and faith and service and perseverance, and that your deeds of late are greater than at first.

**20** 'But I have this against you, that you tolerate the woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess, and she teaches and leads My bond-servants astray so that they commit acts of immorality and eat things sacrificed to idols.

**21** 'I gave her time to repent, and she does not want to repent of her immorality.

**22** 'Behold, I will throw her on a bed of sickness, and those who commit adultery with her into great tribulation, unless they repent of her deeds.

**23** 'And I will kill her children with pestilence, and all the churches will know that I am He who searches the minds and hearts; and I will give to each one of you according to your deeds.

**24** 'But I say to you, the rest who are in Thyatira, who do not hold this teaching, who have not known the deep things of Satan, as they call them—I place no other burden on you.

**25** 'Nevertheless what you have, hold fast until I come.

**26** 'He who overcomes, and he who keeps My deeds until the end, TO HIM I WILL GIVE AUTHORITY OVER THE NATIONS;

**27** AND HE SHALL RULE THEM WITH A ROD OF IRON, AS THE VESSELS OF THE POTTER ARE BROKEN TO PIECES, as I also have received authority from My Father;

**28** and I will give him the morning star.

**29** 'He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.'

**Romans 12:2 (NASB 95)**

**2** And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.

**Revelation 22:16 (NASB 95)**

**16** "I, Jesus, have sent My angel to testify to you these things for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star."

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**When Tolerance is Not a Virtue**

It was said of the church in Corinth, that there was "too much Corinth in the Corinthians," meaning that the church in that city accommodated a lot of sinful beliefs and practices of that culture into the body life of that church. The result was the pollution of their doctrinal purity, and the perversion of their morality. The same thing could be said of the church that will be the focus of our study this morning. This church received a personal letter from the Lord of the church who was warning them that tolerance is not always a virtue. Together we will examine this letter that I have divided into five segments.

**I. The Compliment from The Lord**  
(Revelation 2:18-19)

- A. From the Son of God (v.18b)
- B. From the All-Knowing God (v.19)
  - 1. Their Love
  - 2. Their Faith
  - 3. Their service
  - 4. The Perseverance

**II. The Condemnation from The Lord**  
(Revelation 2:20-23)

- A. Her perversion (v.20-21)
- B. Her Punishment (vs. 22-23)

**III. The Command from The Lord**  
(Revelation 2:24-25)

**IV. The Commitment to the Overcomers**  
(Revelation 2:26-28)

**V. The Counsel of The Lord**  
(Revelation 2:29)