

The Syncretistic Idolatry of the Church Today

Revelation 2:18-29

Introduction

Portrait of Jesus (2:18)

- Son of God – only _____ in the Apocalypse
 - ✓ _____ background
 - ✓ _____ background
 - ✓ _____ context of Thyatira

- _____ imagery

Commendation (2:19)

- Deeds
 - ✓ Love, Faith, Service, Perseverance

- _____ deeds to _____ deeds (correct trajectory)

Rebuke or Censure – Statement of the Problem (2:20)

- The Church _____ Jezebel
- Jezebel is a _____
- The name is probably a _____ from the OT story of Ahab and Jezebel
- She labels herself a _____
- She teaches false _____ and _____
 - ✓ Two false teachings and practices using the trade guilds
 - 1.
 - 2.
 - ✓ Compare to letter to Pergamum (2:14-15)
 - Teachings of _____ (v. 14)
 - Probably the same as the _____ at Pergamum (v. 15)
 - Two primary issues
 - 1.
 - 2.
 - Note Numbers 25:1-4 and 31:15-16

- What is our greatest problem today?
 - Tragic Example of Solomon – “...his heart was not _____ to the LORD his God” (1 Kings 11:4)
 - Richard Niebuhr’s *Christ & Culture*
 1. Christ _____ culture
 2. Christ _____ culture
 3. Christ _____ culture
 4. Christ and culture in _____
 5. Christ the _____ of culture
 - Some cultural issues we face in our day
- Rebuke or Censure – Call to Repent (2:21)**
- Christ gives Jezebel time to _____ (individual)
 - She _____ to repent
- Rebuke or Censure – Temporal Judgment on the Jezebel Faction (2:22-23)**
- On Jezebel – bed of sickness→ _____ or _____ (v. 22)
 - On her followers→ great _____ (v. 22) [but repentance allowed]
 - On her followers→ “I will kill her children with _____” (v. 23)
 - Result: The Church will know God’s _____ of the human heart and His _____ (v. 23)
- Charge to Others not in the Jezebel Faction (2:24-25)**
- Charge to the “_____” who do not hold this “_____” (v. 24)
 - Who have not known the _____ (v. 24)
 - No additional _____ (v. 24)
 - **HOLD FAST UNTIL I COME** (v. 25)
- Promise to Overcomers (2:26-28)**
- Ruling over the _____ with Christ (2:26-27)
 - Gift of the _____ (2:28)
- Charge to Listen to the Spirit (2:29) – Are you listening?**