**THE REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST**

(who is and who was and who is to come)

**LESSON 3 – The Churches in Thyatira and Sardis**

**(Revelation 2:18-3:6)**

**EXTRA INFO:** We see a shift in the language and tone to these churches. They were far worse than the previous three. It was no longer a small minority who were sinning as their lack of purity began to dominate the congregations. Thyatira was a city ruled by trade guilds, similar to modern trade unions. Among other trades, they specialized in dyed fabrics. Luke tells us about a god-fearing woman named Lydia in Acts 16:14, who was from the city of Thyatira and a seller of purple fabrics. The city of Sardis stood high above a valley making it ideal for defense but twice in the past it had fallen because of overconfidence and a failure to watch.

**DAYS ONE THRU THREE** **-** Read Revelation 2:18-29 (The Corrupt Church)

1. a. How is Jesus Christ described to the church in Thyatira in verse 18?

*Answer here*

b. List any attributes of God you see in this description of His eyes?

*Answer here*

2. What did He say to them about their good *works* in verse 19?

*Answer here*

3. *Nevertheless,* what *few things* did He have *against* them in verse 20?

*Answer here*

4. What did *the LORD* say about a similar *Jezebel* back in 1 Kings 21:23-25?

*Answer here*

5. When *the Son of God* gave this woman in Revelation 2:21 *time to repent*, did she?

*Answer here*

6. Without repentance, what was the end for those who followed her ways in this corrupt church?

*Answer here*

7. When the next generation followed the sins of the past generation in this church, what would *all the churches* know about the Lord Jesus Christ in verse 23?

*Answer here*

8. How are the *works* of all unbelievers the ultimate basis for their future judgment in Revelation 20:12-13?

*Answer here*

9. What did the Lord say to the remnant in this church who did not follow this evil doctrine and who did not know the depths of Satan in Revelation 2:24-25?

*Answer here*

10 . What reward is promised in verses 26-27 for the overcomer who *keeps* God’s *works until the end*?

*Answer here*

11. What is *the work of God* according to *Jesus* in John 6:28-29?

*Answer here*

12. What did Jesus say in Matthew 19:28 about the apostles *who followed* Him having *power over the nations*?

*Answer here*

13. **PERSONAL:** Read Revelation 19:11-16. Who is with our Lord when he comes to *rule with a rod of iron*? Can you see yourself there with the armies of heaven?

*Answer here*

14. What else is promised to this overcomer in Revelation 2:28 who has *an ear* to *hear what the Spirit says to the churches*?

*Answer here*

15. How is the *morning star* identified in Revelation 22:16?

*Answer here*

**DAYS FOUR & FIVE -** Read Revelation 3:1-6 (The Dead Church)

1. How does Jesus Christ describe Himself to the church in Sardis in verse 1?

*Answer here*

2. What does Isaiah 11:2 say about seven Spirits that the *branch of Jesse* (Messiah) would have?

*Answer here*

3. What did Jesus Christ *know* about the *works* in Sardis in Revelation 3:1?

*Answer here*

4. What warning did He give them in verse 2 because their *works were not perfect* (complete)?

*Answer here*

5. What did He tell them to *remember* and what would happen if they did not *watch*?

*Answer here*

6. What does verse 4 say about *a few names* that were there?

*Answer here*

7. How does Titus 1:15-16 describe those who are *defiled* like the rest of Sardis?

*Answer here*

8. What reward awaits all godly overcomers, including *the few* who were deemed *worthy* in this place in Revelation 3:4-5?

*Answer here*

9. What stands out to you, in the following verses, about the clothing of the saints?

Isaiah 61:10

*Answer here*

Revelation 19:6-9

*Answer here*

10. Why must we all continue to *hear, read, and keep what the Spirit says to the churches*? Also re-read Revelation 1:3.

*Answer here*

**DISCUSSION:**  Every church that exists today is a type of one of these seven churches in some way. How can following the instruction of Jesus in Matthew 18:15-17 help to keep our churches from tolerating sin.

*Answer here*