

THE CHURCH IN THE WORLD SHOULD BE:

1. PEOPLE WHO CONFRONT Sin
2. PEOPLE WHO PURSUE holiness

MATT. 18 IF YOUR BROTHER SINS, GO AND SHOW HIM HIS FAULT IN PRIVATE; IF HE LISTENS TO YOU, YOU HAVE WON YOUR BROTHER. BUT IF HE DOES NOT LISTEN TO YOU, TAKE ONE OR TWO MORE WITH YOU, SO THAT BY THE MOUTH OF TWO OR THREE WITNESSES EVERY FACT MAY BE CONFIRMED. IF HE REFUSES TO LISTEN TO THEM, TELL IT TO THE CHURCH; AND IF HE REFUSES TO LISTEN EVEN TO THE CHURCH, LET HIM BE AS A GENTILE AND A TAX COLLECTOR.

THE VERY FIRST INSTRUCTION GIVEN TO THE CHURCH:

- HOW TO DEAL WITH Sin IN THE CONGREGATION
- GIVEN TO individuals IN THE CHURCH

ACTS 15:29 YOU ARE TO ABSTAIN FROM THINGS SACRIFICED TO IDOLS AND FROM BLOOD AND FROM THINGS STRANGLED, AND FROM SEXUAL SIN. IF YOU KEEP YOURSELVES FREE FROM SUCH THINGS, YOU WILL DO WELL. FAREWELL.

1 COR. 5:4 IN THE NAME OF OUR LORD JESUS, WHEN YOU ARE ASSEMBLED, AND I WITH YOU IN THE SPIRIT, WITH THE POWER OF OUR LORD JESUS, I HAVE DECIDED TO DELIVER SUCH A ONE TO SATAN FOR THE DESTRUCTION OF HIS FLESH, SO THAT HIS SPIRIT MAY BE SAVED IN THE DAY OF THE LORD JESUS. YOUR BOASTING IS NOT GOOD. DO YOU NOT KNOW THAT A LITTLE LEAVEN LEAVENS THE WHOLE LUMP OF DOUGH?

JESUS INTRODUCES HIMSELF: in chapter 2 to Thyatira

1. AS THE SON OF God  
SON OF MAN SPEAKS OF: in Chapter 1

- HIS humanness
- HIS Compassion, CARE, INTERCESSION
- HIS UNDERSTANDING OF OUR WEAKNESSES AND failures

SON OF GOD in Chapter 2

- EMPHASIZES HIS holiness
- EMPHASIZES HIS deity
- HIS Judgement

2 WHO HAS eyes LIKE A FLAME OF FIRE

- THIS SPEAKS OF HIS PENETRATING Judgement
- HE SEES THROUGH TO THE FATAL flaws IN THE CHURCH

3 HIS FEET ARE LIKE BURNISHED bronze (ready to trample in judgement)

THE CITY OF THYATIRA:

- WAS 30 miles FROM PERGAMUM; 40 MILES FROM SARDIS
- A ROMAN OCCUPIED CITY FOR 300 YEARS in a valley
- HAD NO Natural DEFENSE AT ALL
- WAS THE gateway TO PERGAMUM
- IT TURNED FROM MILITARY TOWN TO A Commercial CITY
- BECAME THE CENTER OF WOOL AND DYEING OF cloth
- BECAME THE CENTER OF trade GUILDS
- FAMOUS FOR A purple DYE
  - \*THE Madder root
  - \*A LITTLE SEA SHELL fish CALLED MUREX
- EACH GUILD WOULD HAVE THEIR OWN god
- THEIR CHIEF GOD WAS Apollo

## HOW WAS THE CHURCH FORMED?

1. POSSIBLE CHURCH Plant FROM MOTHER CHURCH, EPHESUS
2. Lydia AND HER FAMILY

ACTS 16:14 A CERTAIN WOMAN NAMED LYDIA FROM THE CITY OF THYATIRA, A SELLER OF PURPLE FABRICS, A WORSHIPER OF GOD WAS LISTENING AND THE LORD OPENED HER HEART TO RESPOND TO THE THINGS SPOKEN BY PAUL.

### THEIR COMMENDATION

- v19
- Deeds
  - GREEK WORD MEANS:
    - \* works
    - \* Effort
  - Love
  - Faith
  - Service
  - GREEK WORD MEANS VOLUNTARY MEETING OF Needs
  - Perseverance
  - GREEK WORD MEANS: STEADFAST endurance THAT SPRINGS FROM FAITH
  - DEEDS OF LATE ARE greater THAN AT FIRST
- JEZEBEL:
- DAUGHTER OF A PAGAN King OF THE SIDONIANS
  - A Baal WORSHIPER
  - MARRIED Ahab, KING IN ISRAEL
  - SET UP BAAL WORSHIP IN Israel (ended in disaster)

2 KINGS 9:33 HE SAID, "THROW HER DOWN" AND SOME OF HER BLOOD WAS SPRINKLED ON THE WALL AND ON THE HORSES, AND HE TRAMPLED HER UNDER FOOT. WHEN HE CAME IN HE ATE AND DRANK; AND HE SAID, "SEE NOW TO THIS CURSED WOMAN AND BURY HER, FOR SHE IS A KING'S DAUGHTER." THEY WENT TO BURY HER, BUT THEY FOUND NOTHING MORE OF HER THAN THE SKULL AND THE FEET AND THE PALMS OF HER HANDS. THEREFORE, THEY RETURNED AND TOLD HIM. AND HE SAID, "THIS IS THE WORD OF THE LORD, WHICH HE SPOKE BY HIS SERVANT ELIJAH THE TISHBIT SAYING, "IN THE PROPERTY OF JEZREEL, THE DOGS SHALL EAT THE FLESH OF JEZEBEL; AND THE CORPSE OF JEZEBEL WILL BE AS DUNG ON THE FACE OF THE FIELD IN THE PROPERTY OF JEZREEL."

- SHE CALLED HERSELF A Prophetess (SPEAKS FOR GOD)
- SHE MADE PEOPLE feel comfortable WITH IDOLATRY AND IMMORALITY

JUDE 4 FOR CERTAIN PERSONS HAVE CREPT IN UNNOTICED, THOSE WHO WERE LONG BEFORE HAND MARKED OUT FOR THIS CONDEMNATION, UNGODLY PERSONS WHO TURN THE GRACE OF OUR GOD INTO LICENTIOUSNESS AND DENY OUR ONLY MASTER AND LORD, JESUS CHRIST.

ROMANS 6:1-2 WHAT SHALL WE SAY THEN? ARE WE TO CONTINUE IN SIN SO THAT GRACE MAY INCREASE? MAY IT NEVER BE! HOW SHALL WE WHO DIED TO SIN STILL LIVE IN IT?

### 3 GROUPS JUDGED:

- v22
1. Jezebel (BED OF DEATH)
  2. Those she LED ASTRAY-GREAT TRIBULATION (Bond Servants)
- v23
- 3 HER Children - KILL WITH PESTILENCE (Offspring of her false teachings)
- WHY WAS JESUS GOING TO DO THIS?
- MAKE AN example OF THEM FOR OTHER CHURCHES TO SEE

### POINTS THAT STAND OUT:

1. THE Seriousness OF SIN
2. THE EVIDENCE OF true CHRISTIANITY
  - DON'T HOLD FALSE doctrine
  - NOT INVOLVED IN Sin
  - HOLD fast
  - FAITH IS CONSISTENT IN Overcoming
  - LIFE HAS A PATTERN OF Obedience

### BRINGING REVIVAL WOULD MEAN THAT THE CHURCH:

1. WOULD GET VERY SERIOUS ABOUT holiness
2. WOULD GET SERIOUS ABOUT CONFRONTING Sin
3. WOULD STOP ITS condemning WITH THE WORLD