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[SERMON NOTES]

**The Church of Thyatira** (*Revelation 2:18-29*)

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(*Ephesus - Smyrna - Pergamum - Thyatira - Sardis' - Philadelphia' - Laodicea'*)

Jesus decides what the church \_\_\_\_\_, the church does not decide what \_\_\_\_\_ tolerates.

Some were playing \_\_\_\_\_, others were \_\_\_\_\_ as the church.

**2 Keys to Be Changed By Christ**

1. You don't have to \_\_\_\_\_ to come to Christ. (*Luke 24:47*)
2. You are changed as you \_\_\_\_\_ Christ. (*James 2:26, Galatians 2:19-21*)

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[QUICK REVIEW]

Looking at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time or something that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

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[MY STORY]

Where do you draw the line? How far is too far? When do you hit that mindset of "enough is enough?" We encounter these questions from time to time in different areas of our life. We all have different levels of tolerance for different things. The question is, what does tolerance look like in our faith? What is the relationship between tolerance and sin? Where do we draw the line? ***How would you describe the word tolerance? How would you describe tolerance from a faith perspective? And are they different?***

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[DIGGING DEEPER]

One of the things we talked about in this week's message was the idea of *tolerance*. In the church of Thyatira, there were some who were tolerating the teachings of Jezebel and others who were not. Some were tolerating false teaching and others held true to proper teaching. In Revelation 2, this false teaching led to sin, and all sin requires repentance. ***As Christians, what are some things that we should and should not tolerate? Create a list of things we are and are not called to tolerate as followers of Christ.***

We have to acknowledge that false teaching isn't obsolete or extinct. There are even preachers and pastors who present the Bible from an authoritative position without proper study or interpretation (aka a "Jezebel"). ***How would you identify a false teacher versus when you are hearing the truth?***

***Why does it seem that so many people have been misled about what the Bible says? What might be common forms of poor Bible teaching out there today?***

In Revelation 2:18, Jesus is referred to as the son of God. This is a big deal because it reminds us of Jesus' deity. ***Read the following passages and describe why it is important that Jesus is the Son of God?***

**1 John 5:18-20**

**Matthew 14:22-26**

**John 20:20-31**

**Galatians 2:17-21**

We have talked before about the difference between transactional faith and transformative faith. One is a mindset to just receive what you want and the other is leaving changed because of Jesus and what He offers. ***In the space below, write out what you perceive to be the difference between transactional and transformational faith.***

***In your own words, how would you explain the following to someone curious about following Jesus: you don't have to change to come to Christ, but you are changed as you follow Christ.***

***How has your relationship with Jesus changed you? Give specific examples. And how might Jesus be wanting to change you in the current season of your life?***

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### [WEEKLY READINGS]

Studies say that someone who reads their Bible 4 times or more a week improves their joy, happiness, contentment, and overall approval of their life. (1 Tim. 4:8-10,16; 2 Tim. 3:16-17). As a church, we believe that! Below are 4 passages of Scripture this week to dive into to pull deeper on our weekend's message. We encourage you to take notes in your Bible, and ask yourself: *What does this teach me about God? Myself and others? And how do I follow Jesus better?*

**2 Corinthians 5:11-21**

**1 John 1:5-2:2**

**Psalms 51**

**Colossians 1:9-14**