



Part 6: "Hold Fast" REVELATION 2:18-29

SERMON NOTES

- 1) Christ is **characterized** by his _____ and _____ (Revelation 2:18)
- 2) The church is **commended** for its _____ (Revelation 2:19)
- 3) The church is **called out** for its _____ of sin (Revelation 2:20-23)
- 4) The church is **commanded** to _____ until Jesus returns (Revelation 2:24-25)
- 5) The church is **comforted** by the promise of _____ (Revelation 2:26-29)

LIFE APPLICATION QUESTIONS

1) How do you reconcile Jesus' judgment with his grace? How do we see both of these at work in his letter to the church at Thyatira?

2) In verse 19 we see the church commended for their growth in good deeds. What is the relationship between our salvation and our good deeds? Do our good deeds save us? Read James 2:14-26 and Ephesians 2:6-10, what do these passages tell us about the importance of works in the Christian life? What works has the Lord called you to grow in?

3) Most of us understand that tolerance is vital to living peaceably with our neighbours in this world. What are the limits of tolerance? At what point does tolerance become something that the Lord calls us out on as in the church at Thyatira?

4) What are some of the warning signs that a church is slipping into compromise? What should a church do when it is faced with the presence of a "Balaam", "Nicolaitan" or a "Jezebel" in its fellowship?

5) What are some blessings that the Lord has given you that have helped you to hold fast in your faith as you await his return?

6) As you consider Jesus' promise of sharing in his rule and reign over the nations, what thoughts does this inspire in you? As you consider our present world, what aspect of exercising His authority are you most excited to see? What are some competencies and character qualities that the Lord is developing in you that will enable you to handle this authority well?

WEEKLY PRAYER FOCUS

Take time this week to pray and ask the Holy Spirit to empower your growth in good deeds and your strength in holding fast to Jesus as you await his return.