



“Thyatira’s Commendation”

Revelation 2:19

June 1, 2025

INTRODUCTION:

18 “And to the angel of the church in Thyatira write:

The Son of God, who has eyes like a flame of fire, and His feet are like burnished bronze, says this:

19 ‘I know your deeds, and your love and faith and service and perseverance, and that your deeds of late are greater than at first. 20 But I have this against you, that you tolerate the woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess, and she teaches and leads My bond-servants astray so that they commit acts of immorality and eat things sacrificed to idols. 21 I gave her time to repent, and she does not want to repent of her immorality. 22 Behold, I will throw her on a bed of sickness, and those who commit adultery with her into great tribulation, unless they repent of her deeds. 23 And I will kill her children with pestilence, and all the churches will know that I am He who searches the minds and hearts; and I will give to each one of you according to your deeds. 24 But I say to you, the rest who are in Thyatira, who do not hold this teaching, who have not known the deep things of Satan, as they call them—I place no other burden on you. 25 Nevertheless what you have, hold fast until I come. 26 He who overcomes, and he who keeps My deeds until the end, TO HIM I WILL GIVE AUTHORITY OVER THE NATIONS; 27 AND HE SHALL RULE THEM WITH A ROD OF IRON, AS THE VESSELS OF THE POTTER ARE BROKEN TO PIECES, as I also have received authority from My Father; 28 and I will give him the morning star. 29 He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.’

1. The _____ to the church at Thyatira.

"And to the angel of the church in Thyatira write: The Son of God, who has eyes like a flame of fire, and His feet are like burnished bronze, says this: v18.

1) The city of Thyatira. Θυάτειρα -

As the gospel spread to all of Asia it made its way into this city, Thyatira was located in a rich valley in the crossroads of three continents. It was prime real estate for prosperous businesses and economic growth but also for hungry ambitions of the military empires that would rise to power, prosper, and fall to the next empire. The Assyrians fell to the Babylonians. The Babylonians fell to the Persians. The Persians fell to the Greeks and the Greeks fell to the Romans.

It was the place where East met West. There was a mixed smorgasbord of Eastern mysticism, Greek Philosophy, polytheistic idolatry, and gross immorality that would be identified as the deep things of Satan. It was a stronghold of the Evil One and this little city was being conquered again but this time by the gospel army of Jesus Christ.

2) The attributes of the glorified Christ...

(1) He is the Son of God who being born of a virgin became a _____ man.

(2) The Creator created a human body and is now _____ it eternally.

(3) The union of the Son of God with the son of man proves the _____ of _____.

(4) His eyes _____ everything done in secret and even the attitudes of the heart.

(5) Christ’s bronze feet represent His _____ movement in the church.

(6) Christ’s message to the church in regard to these _____.

2. The Son of God commends the church for their _____.

"I know your deeds, and your love and faith and service and perseverance, and that your deeds of late are greater than at first." v19

Christ knows...

1) ...your good _____. ἔργον

- And He said to them, "What things?" And they said to Him, "The things about Jesus the Nazarene, who was a prophet **mighty in deed** and **word** in the sight of God and all the people, [Luk 24:19]
- "But he who practices the truth comes to the Light, so that **his deeds** may be manifested as having been **wrought in God**." [Jhn 3:21 NASB95]
- Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me and **to accomplish His work**." [Jhn 4:34 NASB95]
- "Therefore they said to Him, "What shall we do, so that we may work the works of God?" 29 "Jesus answered and said to them, "**This is the work of God**, that you believe in Him whom He has sent." [Jhn 6:28-29 NASB95]
- "**We must work the works of Him** who sent Me as long as it is day; night is coming when no one can work." [Jhn 9:4 NASB95]

✳ **Good works are _____ works.**

✳ **The eyes of the Lord judges the churches faith and health by its works.**

2) ...your _____. ἀγάπη

- 8 **Owe nothing to anyone except to love one another**; for he who loves his neighbor has fulfilled the law. 9 For this, "YOU SHALL NOT COMMIT ADULTERY, YOU SHALL NOT MURDER, YOU SHALL NOT STEAL, YOU SHALL NOT COVET," and if there is any other commandment, it is summed up in this saying, "YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF." 10 Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore **love is the fulfillment of the law**. [Rom 13:8-10]
- "This is **My commandment**, that you love one another, just as I have loved you." [Jhn 15:12]
- ✳ **The flame of fire in His eyes see _____ things and _____ of the heart.**
- "Therefore do not go on passing judgment before the time, [but wait] until **the Lord** comes who **will both bring to light the things hidden in the darkness and disclose the motives of [men's] hearts**; and then each man's praise will come to him from God." [1Co 4:5 NASB95]
- "For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to **judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart**." [Heb 4:12 NASB95]

3) ...your _____. διακονία

- "But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the **ministry** of the word." [Act 6:4 NASB95]
- "And in the proportion that any of the disciples had means, each of them determined to send [a contribution] for the **relief** of the brethren living in Judea." [Act 11:29 NASB95]
- "And there are varieties of **ministries**, and the same Lord." [1Co 12:5 NASB95]
- "Now all [these] things are from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ and gave us the **ministry** of reconciliation," [2Co 5:18 NASB95]
- "For God is not unjust so as to forget your work and the love which you have shown toward His name, in having **ministered** and in still **ministering** to the saints." [Heb 6:10 NASB95]
- ✳ **Love must be the motive of the heart for a good work of _____.**
- "To this end also we pray for you always, that our God will count you worthy of your calling, and fulfill every desire for goodness and the work of faith with power," [2Th 1:11 NASB95]

“Thyatira’s Commendation”

Revelation 2:19

June 1, 2025

4) ...your _____ . πίστις

☞ "So then, does He who provides you with the Spirit and works miracles among you, do it by the works of the Law, or **by hearing with faith?**" [Gal 3:5 NASB95]

☞ 8 "You see that faith was working with his works, and **as a result of the works, faith was perfected;**" [Jas 2:22 NASB95]

✳ **Our works must be a work of _____ .**

☞ "To this end also we pray for you always, that our **God will** count you worthy of your calling, and **fulfill** every desire for goodness and **the work of faith** with power," [2Th 1:11 NASB95]

✳ **A work of faith is done with _____ power.**

☞ "To this end also we pray for you always, that **our God will** count you worthy of your calling, and **fulfill every desire for goodness** and the work of faith **with power,**" [2Th 1:11 NASB95]

5) ...your _____ . ὑπομονή

☞ "to those who by **perseverance** in doing good seek for glory and honor and immortality, eternal life;" [Rom 2:7 NASB95]

☞ "but in everything commending ourselves as servants of God, in **much endurance**, in afflictions, in hardships, in distresses," [2Co 6:4 NASB95]

☞ "For even Christ did not please Himself; but as it is written [in Scripture], "THE REPROACHES OF THOSE WHO REPROACHED YOU (the Father) FELL ON ME (the Son)." "For whatever was written in earlier times was written for our instruction, so that through **perseverance** and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope." "Now may the God who gives **perseverance** and encouragement grant you to be of the same mind with one another according to Christ Jesus," [Rom 15:3,4,&5 NASB95]

✳ **Nothing you do is hidden from His eyes even your _____ and _____ .**

6) ...and your works are _____ .

☞ "To this end also we pray for you always, that our God will count you worthy of your calling, and fulfill every desire for goodness and **the work of faith with power,**" [2Th 1:11 NASB95]

✳ **We are created for _____ works.**

☞ "For **we are** His workmanship, **created** in Christ Jesus **for good works**, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them." [Eph 2:10 NASB95]

✳ **Those who overcome the world and keep Christ's _____ are co-heirs and are given position in His administration.**

☞ "and the one who overcomes, and keeps my works unto the end, to him will I give authority over the nations:" [Rev 2:26]