

- God's <u>PLAN</u> to overcome Satan
- The carriers of God's MISSION to reach all people with the Gospel
- EMPOWERED by the Holy Spirit
- God's <u>LIGHT</u> in a dark world
- Christ's <u>BODY</u> on this earth

SEVEN CHURCHES OF REVELATION

## The Test of TRUEST OF

Revelation 2:18-29

Each letter contains a message for us TODAY.



### 5 of the 7 churches have serious problems and receive from Jesus serious warnings.

- ~ Christ
  - ~ Commendation
    - ~ Criticism

The Pattern

~ Correction

~ Challenge

#### Revelation 2:18-29

Thyatira

\*Think Flint, Michigan

Metalwork & Textiles

(Bronze)

(Acts 16:11-15)

# 1. Christ is Characterized for Us by Penetrating <u>Judgment</u>

- ~ Eyes like Fire
- ~ Feet like Bronze

## 2. Christ Commends Us for Faithful Works

- ~ Love
- ~ Faith
- ~ Service
- ~ Perseverance

#### Still...

There was a dark spot, a malignant sin eating the church in Thyatira from the inside.

### 3. Christ Condemns Us for Excessive Tolerance

Jezebel (1 Kings 16-21)

~ Anything or anyone that gets your eyes off of Jesus is not of God.

#### Clues you're dealing with Jezebel:

- Arrogant Authority
- Ouestionable Theology
  - Unbiblical Morality

# A Child of God never compartmentalizes the Spiritual and the Secular.

### 4. God Corrects Us with Loving Discipline



"My son, do not make light of the Lord's discipline, and do not lose heart when he rebukes you, because the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and he chastens everyone he accepts as his son."

Hebrews 12:5-6

### 5. God Comforts Us with Future Promises

Psalm 2:7-8

I will proclaim the Lord's decree:
He said to me, "You are my son; today
I have become your father. Ask me, and
I will make the nations your inheritance,
the ends of the earth your possession.

#### Hebrews 13:8

"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever."

God's Word hasn't Changed God's Warnings haven't Changed God's Mercy hasn't Changed



