



I. A BRIEF REVIEW OF REVELATION

1. Revelation is a message of victory and hope

I am the Living One. I was dead. But look! I am alive for ever and ever! And I hold the keys to Death and Hell.

Revelation 1:18 (NIRV)

He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there will be no more death or sorrow or crying or pain. All these things are gone forever.” And the one sitting on the throne said, “Look, I am making everything new!”...

Revelation 21:4-5a (NLT)

2. Purposes of the letters to the seven churches of Asia

- **Address the challenges of those churches**
- **Encourage Christians of any era to not give up**
- **Predict seven stages of church history before Jesus’ second coming**

II. THE MESSAGE TO THE CHURCH AT THYATIRA – 2:18-29

1. The Lord’s character for this church (v.18)

- **Son of God: Declaring His deity and authority**
- **Eyes like blazing fire: Penetrating through lies and facades**

Nothing in all creation is hidden from God. Everything is naked and exposed before his eyes, and he is the one to whom we are accountable.

Hebrews 4:13 (NLT)

- **Feet like burnished bronze: Strength to judge and crush His enemies**

2. The Lord’s compliment of this church (v.19)

- **Diligent**
- **Loving**
- **Faithful**
- **Growing**

3. The Lord's complaint against this church (v.20-23)

- Tolerating a false prophet
 - ⇒ Who leads many into:
 - ♦ Deceptive teaching
 - ♦ Sexual immorality
 - ♦ Pagan worship
 - ⇒ The consequences of which will be:
 - ♦ Suffering until they repent
 - ♦ Spiritual death of her followers
 - ♦ So all the churches will respect the judgment of Jesus
- Thoughts on idolatry

[An idol is] anything more important to you than God, anything that absorbs your heart and imagination more than God, and anything that you seek to give you what only God can give.
Tim Keller in Counterfeit Gods

4. The Lord's counsel to this church (v.24-29)

- Hold on to what you have: Truth matters!
- Overcomers will receive the "Morning Star" - which is Jesus Himself

"I, Jesus, have sent my angel to give you this message for the churches. I am both the source of David and the heir to his throne. I am the bright morning star."
Revelation 22:16 (NLT)

III. HOW CAN I BE MORE DISCERNING ABOUT THE IDOLS IN MY LIFE

1. Recognize my idols
2. Remove any competition for God in my life
3. Resolve to love God more
4. Remembering what God has done for me
5. Receive the help of an accountability partner

Dear friends, do not believe everyone who claims to speak by the Spirit. You must test them to see if the spirit they have comes from God. For there are many false prophets in the world.

1 John 4:1 (NLT)