

THE BOOK OF THE REVELATION
2:24-29

Review of the Churches studied thus far:

- Ephesus-the Church that had _____ its love for Christ
- Smyrna-the Church undergoing great _____
- Pergamos-the Church that _____ compromise within its ranks
- Thyatira-the Church that was _____

Last week we saw:

Christ was aware of their _____ efforts and of those who had _____ in and now had a stronghold of false teaching. Tonight, we will look at the remainder of the letter written to this church.

- I. Christ speaks to the part of the church that has _____ been taken in by the false teaching of the woman He calls Jezebel **Vs 24**
- A. *As many as do not have this doctrine*-have not _____ the false teachings **Vs 24a**
 - B. *As many as have not learned Satan's so-called* _____ secrets **Vs 24b**
- II. Christ's _____ and admonition **Vs 24b-28**
- A. I (Christ) will put on you no other burden
 - 1. The burden of dealing with the false doctrine and resisting it was a heavy burden for the _____ followers of Christ to deal with
 - 2. Christ will place on the believer no more than they can _____
 - B. Hold fast what you have till I come **Vs 25**
 - 1. *Hold Fast-Remain* _____, even though the challenge to do so will be very difficult
 - 2. *What you have already-Truth*, even though it may look very _____ at the time
 - C. *He who overcomes, and keeps My works until the end, to him I will give power over the Nations* **Vs 26**
 - 1. *Overcomers*-those who are victorious in the _____ of the fight **Vs 26a**
 - 2. *Keeps My works until the end*-_____ obedience to the commands of Christ **Vs 26b**
 - 3. *To him will I give power over the nations*-rulership and control over those who were the _____ against remaining faithful and true to Christ **Vs 26c**
 - 3. *He shall rule them with a rod of iron*-there shall be _____ victory and control with the necessary tools of _____ made available by Christ **Vs 27a**
 - a. The inference is that the Christians who overcome will be given authority by Christ to rule over others, which could be a reference to the future _____ reign of Christ
 - b. *Rod of iron*-an expression meaning to exercise authority and control in a _____ manner
 - c. A quote from Psalm 2:9
 - 4. *They shall be dashed to pieces like the potter's vessels*-the _____ destruction of those who oppose Christ and His followers **Vs 27b**
 - a. The image here is that of the vessel of a potter—a fragile vessel of clay — _____ with a rod of iron, and broken into fragments
 - b. Applied to the nations, there will be _____ power to oppose such rule; the enemies of Christ's government would be _____.

5. *I will give him the morning star- Vs 28*

a. Cf. 22:16

b. Used twice in Scripture. It would seem a proper conclusion is this is the _____ to these hard-pressed believers of their eternally abiding in the presence of Christ

III. Christ's general _____ to the readers Vs 29

A. *He who has an ear*-those readers who have the _____ to read and understand

B. *Let him hear*-_____ and _____

C. *What the Spirit says to the churches*-the message being given by God, the Holy Spirit to the _____ of Christ

Conclusion: Thus far we have learned that many things can take place within a _____ church. A church can lose its love for _____. A church can undergo very difficult times, whether due to sin or simply due to the times the church is living in. A church can become _____ by compromise when not walking carefully after the commands of Christ. And a church can become _____ by false teaching. Any and all of these things are possible within the ranks of BBC. It will only be as we ask Christ to be the _____ of this church and follow closely to His teachings that we can be assured of _____ from sin and error.