

I've Written You a Letter... Jesus

REVELATION CHAPTERS 2 & 3

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Thyatira...Corrupt Tolerance...Revelation 2:18-29

"If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land." ...2Chronicles 7:14

Words of Wisdom

- "One compromise here, another there and soon enough the so-called Christian and the man in the world look the same.." ~A.W. Tozer
- "I would have met Jesus sooner if not for Christians who led double lives." ~Keith Green
- "Wherever you are, be all there! Live to the hilt every situation you believe to be the will of God." ~ Jim Elliot

1. The Church in Thyatira...The Church in History to Today...YOU!

Scripture: Revelation 2:18-29

- The Church in Ephesus...a Love left behind
 - Historically...Corporately...Personally
- The Church in Smyrna...Trials and Persecution
 - Historically...Corporately...Personally
- The Church in Pergamos...there trap of Compromise
 - Historically...Corporately...Personally

2. "The Son of God"...a necessary reminder!

Scripture: Revelation 2:18-19, Hebrews 1:3, Colossians 1:15-20 2:5, Philippians 2:6-11

- Reminder to the Church (Then and Now)
- Reminder to You!
- The Difference it Makes...

3. Works over Holiness...

Scripture: Revelation 2:19-23, 1Samuel 15:22, 1Peter 1:14-16

- Nothing Hidden...Revelation 2:23, Psalm 139:13-4, 17-18, 23-24, Proverbs 5:21

4. An Admonition from the Lord...to Thyatira, to the Church, to Us!

Scripture: Revelation 2:24-29, Romans 12

- "Behave like a Christian" ...NKJV

Group Discussion

1. READ *Revelation 2:18-19, Hebrews 1:3, Colossians 1:15-20 2:5, Philippians 2:6-11...*

In *Revelation 2:23* the Lord Jesus reminds us that it is “*He who searches mind and heart*”...

In *Proverbs 5:21* we are told that “*a man's ways are before the eyes of the LORD, and He ponders all his paths*”...

How does our understanding of *Who* the Lord Jesus is, and the fact that He knows everything about us, the choices we make, the things we do (*Proverbs 5:21*), effect how we determine to live our life each day?

- How does it affect the way you treat your Family...your Friends?

2. READ *Revelation 2:19-23...* Take a moment and think about the condition of their hearts in Thyatira, and what is being described about them...

- Do you see this kind of ungodly Tolerance and Compromise creeping into the church today? Where/How?
- In what ways has this kind of ungodly Tolerance and Compromise crept into your own life, and your home?

3. READ *Romans 12 Together...*

- What does this say regarding how we are to live?
- What can we do to improve and grow as Men of God?

Prayer

Take a few moments to share any Prayer Requests with the men in your Group. Write down any requests and commit to pray for one another throughout the week.

(It's great to know that other guys are praying for the important things in your life...and it's great to be praying for the important things in their lives!)

How do the **5 Principles for the Christian Man**, help equip you to apply this to your life?

Discuss your answer with your group...

- Prayer (*Relationship*)
- God's Word (*Knowledge and Understanding*)
- Worship (*Adoration*)
- Fellowship (*Encouragement and Accountability*)
- Service (*Caring for Others, Action to your Belief*)