

**Problem:**

truth without love makes you a noisy gong - 1 Cor 13:1-3  
 love without truth makes you a spiritual adulterer -> phil 1:9-11

**Main Idea:**

Our lesson from Thyatira:  
 A loving church  
 must be intolerant  
 or it will be adulterous  
 Hold fast you 'haters'  
 Devotion demands division

**Implication:**

hold fast you 'haters'  
 not in Athens but Babylon  
 they are not trying to out think us but overpower us

**Application:**

take no part in the unfruitful deeds of darkness - instead expose them

**Text:****Our lesson from Thyatira:**

Rev. 2:18 ¶ "And to the angel of the church in **Thyatira** write: 'The words of the **Son of God**, who has **eyes like a flame of fire**, and whose **feet are like burnished bronze**.

*Thyatira - acts 16:14 (trade guilds)*

*gateway to pergamum - compromising church on the hill defense - thyatira in a valley overrun*

*eyes - rev 1:8; (dan 10:6) - penetrating purity and unshakable power*

*son of God- Rev 1:13 - son of man sympathetic high priest - in this case He is divine judge*

**A loving church**

Rev. 2:19 ¶ " I know your works, your **love** and faith and service and patient endurance, and that your **latter works exceed the first**.

*love -opposite from Ephesus - Rev 2:4*

**must be intolerant**

Rev. 2:20 But I have this against you, that **you tolerate that woman Jezebel**, who calls herself a prophetess and is **teaching and seducing** my servants **to practice** sexual immorality and to eat **food sacrificed to idols**.

Rev. 2:21 I gave her time to repent, but she refuses to repent of her sexual immorality.

*tolerate - contrast Ephesus - Rev 2:2*

*Jezebel - 1 Kings 16:31 (one of worst things to do);*

*1 kings 18:13, 19; (supported 450 prophets of Baal at her table)*

*1 kings 21:1-26 (pragmatic abuse of power)*

*2 Kings 9:22, (known for spiritual whoring)*

*2 kings 9:30-37 (came to fitting end)*

**(seducing - Jude 4)**

**(sexual immorality - actual adultery linked to spiritual adultery - 1 Cor 6:15-20; Eph 5:25-27; Rev 2:22; Jer 3:6-9)**

**(food sacrificed to idols - 1 Cor 8:12-13; 10:21; Acts 15:29 (come dine at the table of Lord apollo\_guilds)**

**or it will be adulterous**

Rev. 2:22 Behold, I will throw her onto a sickbed (bed of sickness), and those who commit **adultery** with her I will throw into great tribulation, **unless they repent of her works**,

Rev. 2:23 and I will strike her children dead. And all the churches will know that I am he who searches mind and heart, and I will give to each of you according to your works.

*they repent of her works - hate them -denounce them*

*rebuke sharply -2 Tim 4:2; titus 1:9-13; 2:15*

*to love God requires hatred of evil - rev 2:6 -> psalm 97:10; Amos 5:15*

**Hold fast you 'haters'**

Rev. 2:24 But **to the rest of you** in Thyatira, who do not hold this teaching, who have not learned what some call the deep things of Satan, to you I say, I do not lay on you any other burden.

Rev. 2:25 Only **hold fast what you have until I come.**

*hold fast - we are not in Athens (disinterest/marginalization) but Babylon (outrage/spotlight)-dan 3:1-12  
they are not trying to out think us -only overpower us*

**Devotion demands division**

Rev. 2:26 The one who conquers and who keeps my works until the end, to him I will give **authority over the nations,**

Rev. 2:27 and he will rule them with a **rod of iron**, as when earthen pots are broken in pieces, even as I myself have received authority from my Father.

Rev. 2:28 And I will give him the **morning star.**

Rev. 2:29 He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.'

*rod of iron - rev 12:5; 19:15; psalm 2*

*morning star - Rev 22:16*

*conquer - eph 5:1-14 - take no part*

**Articles for further study:**

<https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/article/are-christians-intolerant-haters-the-charges-are-not-new>

<https://australia.thegospelcoalition.org/article/stage-two-exile-are-you-ready-for-it>