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| **Grant Street Baptist Church** | **Sermon Notes** |
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Title: *“Time Is Your Enemy”*

Scripture: **Revelation 2:18-29**

Message: *7 PARTS TO EACH OF THE 7 CHURCH LETTER’S*

1. Who was the letter written to/about?

A. Church name: **Thyatira**

B. Period of church history: **800-1500 AD (700 yr period – longest period)**

C. Church meaning: **“continual sacrifice”**

**-Known as the “Dark Ages” during the medieval period**

**-Crusaders**

2. How did John describe Jesus? **Eyes like a blazing fire, feet like burnished bronze**

**(vs 18)**

3. “Eyes were like blazing fire” **(vs 19) “know”…sees the inner man**

4. What was the work of the church? **(vs’ 19-20) love, faith, service, perseverance, tolerate “Jezebel”**

5. What was Jesus’ response to their work? **Those that follow “Jezebel” will suffer intensely (vs 22)**

6. “Obedient Hearing” **(vs 25) “whoever has ears, let them hear”…hold on (grip tightly) to what you have**

7. What is the promise(s) to those who hear with the intent to obey? **Authority over the nations during millennial reign of Christ on earth**

**Revelation 2:18-29** “18“To the angel **(pastor)** of the church in Thyatira write: These are the words of the Son of God **(declaring the true voice of God)**, whose eyes are like blazing fire **(sees the inner man)** and whose feet are like burnished bronze **(the judge of humanity)**. 19I know your deeds **(a working church)**, your love **(agape)** and faith **(faithful church)**, your service **(ministering church)** and perseverance **(endured under pressure)**, and that you are now doing more than you did at first. 20Nevertheless, I have this against you: You tolerate that woman Jezebel **(not her literal name here, describes her as an evil woman influencing the church to continue joining with the world)**, who calls herself a prophet **(declared to have a message from God)**. By her teaching she misleads my servants into sexual immorality and the eating of food sacrificed to idols **(people thought they could sin and then offer up their sacrifices and everything would be ok, like Mardi Gras in America as of today – 2 weeks of debauchery, Ash Wednesday to ask forgiveness, 40+ days of Lent (fasting) to prove their sorrow, Easter)**. 21I have given her time to repent of her immorality, but she is unwilling **(as if they have more time)**. 22So I will cast her on a bed of suffering, and I will make those who commit adultery with her suffer intensely, unless they repent of her ways. 23I will strike her children dead. Then all the churches will know that I am he who searches hearts and minds, and I will repay each of you according to your deeds. **(Present Judgment = plagues & wars (millions died) “dark ages”)** 24Now I say to the rest of you in Thyatira **(true church – always a remnant)**, to you who do not hold to her teaching and have not learned Satan’s so-called deep secrets, ‘I will not impose any other burden on you, 25except to hold on **(grip tightly)** to what you have until I come.’ 26To the one who is victorious and does my will to the end, I will give authority over the nations— 27that one ‘will rule them with an iron scepter and will dash them to pieces like pottery’[**[Psalm](http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=revelation%202:18-29&version=NIV&interface=print" \l "fen-NIV-30745a" \o "See footnote a) 2:9**]—just as I have received authority from my Father**(true church and Christ will rule the earth during the millennial “1,000” year reign)**. 28I will also give that one the morning star **(Jesus’ second coming, morning star is the star that rises at dawn when it is darkest…at the darkest hour, Jesus will come)**. 29Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches.

Application:

* Time is your Enemy…many times we live a false trust in time that we have more time to repent and live completely for God
* The church of Thyatira looks so much like some churches today, a church of deeds **(a working church)**, of love **(agape)** offaith **(faithful church)**, of service **(ministering church)** and of perseverance **(endured under pressure)**
* Thyatira had two types of members though, all doing a lot of good, but one group followed the teaching of Jezebel and a remnant did not
* Would you be more like the people following Jezebel or more like the remnant that grips tightly to what you have refusing to let your sinful nature get in the way?