

**A FOLLOWING CHURCH**  
**Part 4: PURE LOVE (THYATIRA)**  
**February 3, 2019**

“We love, because He first loved us.”

I John 4:19 (NAS)

<b>LOVE</b>
Affectionate _____ for the _____ - _____ of others that manifests itself in _____ consistent with that concern.

**CHRIST REVEALS HIMSELF**

“And to the angel of the church in Thyatira write: The Son of God, who has eyes like a flame of fire, and His feet are like burnished bronze, says this:....”  
Revelation 2:18 (NAS)

- **Nothing is \_\_\_\_\_ from the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ who will \_\_\_\_\_ His Church.**

“Nothing in all creation is hidden from God’s sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of Him to whom we must give account.”  
Hebrews 4:13 (NIV)

**CHRIST COMMENDS THE POSITIVE**

“I know your deeds, and your love and faith and service and perseverance, and that your deeds of late are greater than at first.”  
Revelation 2:19 (NAS)

- **The Church in Thyatira was \_\_\_\_\_ in some areas. But ....**

**CHRIST CONDEMNS THE NEGATIVE**

“But I have this against you, that you tolerate the woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess, and she teaches and leads My bond-servants astray so that they commit acts of immorality and eat things sacrificed to idols. I gave her time to repent, and she does not want to repent of her immorality. Behold, I will throw her on a bed of sickness, and those who commit adultery with her into great tribulation, unless they repent of her deeds. And I will kill her children with pestilence, and all the churches will know that I am He who searches the minds and hearts; and I will give to each one of you according to your deeds.”  
Revelation 2:20-23 (NAS)

- Christ is \_\_\_\_\_ of Christians who engage in \_\_\_\_\_ and of Churches that fail or refuse to deal with it. Why?

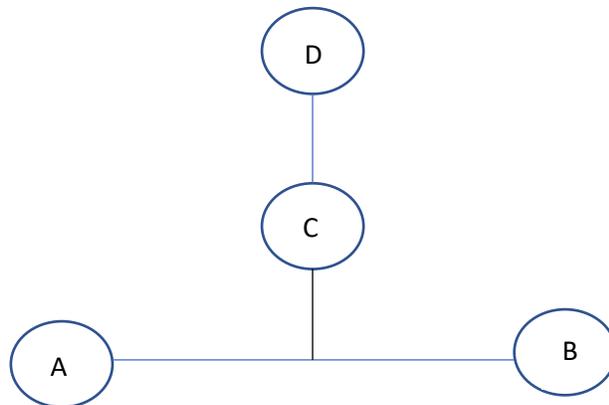
1. It allows the unrepentant to believe their \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_.
2. It sets a \_\_\_\_\_ for the entire Church Family.

“... If anyone causes one of these little ones—those who believe in Me—to stumble, it would be better for them to have a large millstone hung around their neck and to be drowned in the depths of the sea.”  
Matthew 18:5-6 (NIV)

3. It destroys the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Church in the \_\_\_\_\_.
4. It drives away true \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ.

“Do not judge, or you too will be judged. For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you. Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother’s eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye? How can you say to your brother, ‘Let me take the speck out of your eye,’ when all the time there is a plank in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the plank out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother’s eye.”  
Matthew 7:1-5 (NIV)

“If your brother or sister sins, go and point out their fault, just between the two of you. If they listen to you, you have won them over. But if they will not listen, take one or two others along, so that ‘every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.’ If they still refuse to listen, tell it to the church; and if they refuse to listen even to the church, treat them as you would a pagan or a tax collector.”  
Mathew 18:15-17 (NIV)



- Failing to address sin in the Church Family is not \_\_\_\_\_, it's \_\_\_\_\_ - a refusal to obey God's Word.

“... speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of Him who is the head, that is, Christ.” Ephesians 4:15 (NIV)

ADDRESSING SIN IN THE CHURCH			
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“Be wise in the way you act with people who are not believers, making the most of every opportunity. When you talk, you should always be kind and pleasant so you will be able to answer everyone in the way you should.” Colossians 4:5-6 (NCV)

“Brothers and sisters, if someone is caught in a sin, you who live by the Spirit should restore that person gently. But watch yourselves, or you also may be tempted. Carry each other’s burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.” Galatians 6:1-2 (NIV)

“I urge you, brothers and sisters, to watch out for those who cause divisions and put obstacles in your way that are contrary to the teaching you have learned. Keep away from them.” Romans 16:17 (NIV)

“But now I am writing to you that you must not associate with anyone who claims to be a brother or sister but is sexually immoral or greedy, an idolater or slanderer, a drunkard or swindler. Do not even eat with such people. What business is it of mine to judge those outside the church? Are you not to judge those inside? God will judge those outside. “Expel the wicked person from among you.”” I Corinthians 5:11-13 (NIV)

“In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, we command you, brothers and sisters, to keep away from every believer who is idle and disruptive and does not live according to the teaching you received from us.” II Thessalonians 3:6 (NIV)

“Warn a divisive person once, and then warn them a second time. After that, have nothing to do with them. You may be sure that such people are warped and sinful; they are self-condemned.” Titus 3:10-11 (NIV)

“If anyone comes to you and does not bring this teaching, do not take them into your house or welcome them. Anyone who welcomes them shares in their wicked work.” II John 1:10-11 (NIV)

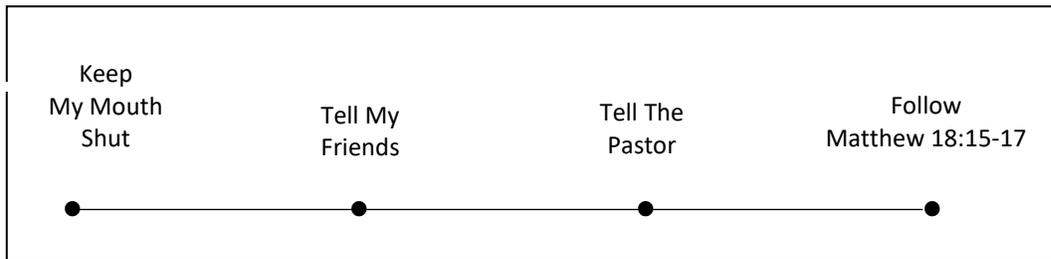
“But I say to you, the rest who are in Thyatira, who do not hold this teaching, who have not known the deep things of Satan, as they call them—I place no other burden on you. Nevertheless what you have, hold fast until I come.” Revelation 2:24-25 (NAS)

“He who overcomes, and he who keeps My deeds until the end, to him I will give authority over the nations; and he shall rule them with a rod of iron, as the vessels of the potter are broken to pieces, as I also have received *authority* from My Father; and I will give him the morning star. He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.”  
Revelation 2:26-29 (NAS)

**MY NEXT STEP THIS WEEK IS ...**

If I am a Christ follower, rate myself in terms of the following:

If I observe a brother or sister sin I am likely to ...



If I am unlikely to follow Matthew 18:15-17, what will it take for me to follow Christ in this area?

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In light of Christ’s letter to the Church in Thyatira, what do you think Christ would write to GNG? E-mail your thoughts to [jeff@goodnewsgathering.org](mailto:jeff@goodnewsgathering.org).

If I am not a Christian, discover what it means to be a follower of Jesus Christ.  
• Check box on back of Communication Card.

Prepare for next week’s lesson by reading Revelation 3:1-6 and reviewing the Revelation Study Guide at [www.goodnewsgathering.org](http://www.goodnewsgathering.org) at the Resource tab. For more information on today’s topic check out the lesson from 6/17/2018 – Rumor Mill, and 6/24/2018 – When Silence Isn’t Golden.