

QUESTIONS

Day 1: Read Commentary Notes

1. Write down something from the Commentary Notes especially meaningful to you.
2. How did the lecture encourage you?

Day 2: Read Revelation 2:18-19, Acts 16:14, Malachi 3:2-3, Hebrews 12:29 [\[Open NIV\]](#) [\[Open NKJV\]](#)

(Note: The Church at Thyatira was located some 35-40 miles east of Pergamum. The city was a commercial center whose main industry was producing wool and dyed goods. About the only way one found work in Thyatira was to join a guild, the 1st century equivalent of a trade union. Each trade union had its own deity and wielded much power in the city and the church.)

3. According to Acts 16:14, who is from Thyatira and what do you learn about this person?
4. How is Jesus described in verse 18? What is significant about fire being used to symbolize an attribute of God? (Hint: Use Malachi 3:2-3 and Hebrews 12:29 to help you answer.)
5. For what did Jesus commend the Church at Thyatira in verse 19?
6. **Personal Question:** In which of the characteristics you listed in answering question 5 are you the weakest? How might you become stronger in those areas?

Day 3: Read Revelation 2:20-23, Romans 2:4, Romans 9:22, 2 Peter 3:9, 2 Peter 3:15, Romans 1:25, James 4:4 [\[Open NIV\]](#) [\[Open NKJV\]](#)

(Note: Jesus refers to a woman named Jezebel that was misleading many in the Church of Thyatira into a life of compromise. The Old Testament speaks of another Jezebel in 1 Kings 16-19 who was the wife of Ahab, one of Israel's most wicked kings. David Jeremiah writes of this Old Testament Jezebel, "She brought her brand of religion with her and persuaded her husband to build a temple to Astarte, the goddess whose religion made sexual immorality a part of worship. Jezebel supported over eight hundred prophets of her immoral cult and killed all the prophets of Jehovah that she could find. Jezebel was the epitome of immorality and idolatry.")

7. **Thought Question:** What is meant by Jesus saying Jezebel had been given time to repent?
8. What do you learn about God's patience from the following cross references?
Romans 2:4 –
Romans 9:22 –
2 Peter 3:9 –

2 Peter 3:15 –

9. **Personal Question:** When has God ever shown great patience to you? How did you respond to God's patience?

10. Using Romans 1:25 and James 4:4, how is “spiritual adultery” described?

Day 4: Read Revelation 2:24-29, Revelation 22:16 [\[Open NIV\]](#) [\[Open NKJV\]](#)

(Hint: “Satan's deep secrets” is probably a reference to the evil influence of Jezebel’s cultic teachings.)

11. **Thought Question:** Who might “the rest of you” be referencing in verse 24?

12. **Thought Question:** In verse 25, to what is Jesus telling the faithful in Thyatira to hold onto?

13. In verse 26, what is promised to those who overcome and do God's will to the end?

14. **Personal Question:** What else is promised to overcomers in verse 28? According to Revelation 22:16, who is promised to the overcomers in Thyatira? Do you believe this promise applies to believers today?

15. **Personal Question:** What has particularly encouraged you from today's verses? Give the reason why you were encouraged.

Day 5: Read Revelation 3:1-3, Ephesians 2:1, John 6:63, Romans 8:11, 2 Corinthians 3:6
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(Note: Sardis was about 50 miles east of Ephesus. Situated at the junction of five main roads, Sardis was a center for trade and was most known for its production of woolen garments, thus it was economically strong. Because Sardis sat on an inaccessible plateau, it was used as a great military fortress. The worship of Artemis was prevalent and the Christian church was in decline.)

16. What indictment did Jesus make of the Church at Sardis in verse 1?

17. Using Ephesians 2:1 to help you answer, what does it mean to be “dead” spiritually?

18. Using the following cross references, why would the Church at Sardis desperately need the work of the Holy Spirit?
John 6:63 –
Romans 8:11 –
2 Corinthians 3:6 –
19. What exhortation (command) does Jesus offer the Church at Sardis in verses 2 and 3?
20. **Thought Question:** What do you believe Jesus meant when he said in verse 3, “Remember, therefore, what you have received and heard; hold it fast and repent.” In other words, what had they received and heard and been told to obey or hold fast?
21. **Personal Question:** What is something God wants you “to hold fast to” or obey? Why?

Day 6: Read Revelation 3:4-6, Matthew 7:14, Matthew 22:14, 1 Peter 3:20 [\[Open NIV\]](#) [\[Open NKJV\]](#)

22. Using the following cross references, explain the significance of Jesus’ reference in verse 4 to a “few people.” What biblical principle is expressed in these verses:
Matthew 7:14 –
Matthew 22:14 –
1 Peter 3:20 –
23. **Personal Question:** In what ways are you tempted to follow the majority rather than walk faithfully with the minority? Is there an area of your life that needs to leave the majority and walk with the minority?
24. White clothes are mentioned 5 times in the book of Revelation, including today’s text. What is the significance of being “dressed in white?”
25. **Thought Question:** Summarize Revelation 3:1-6 by writing down your understanding of the following phrases:
 - A. From verse 1, what does it mean to “have a reputation of being alive, but you are dead?”
 - B. From verse 2, what does it mean that Jesus “found their deeds unfinished?”
 - C. From verse 3, what does it mean when Jesus said, “I will come like a thief?”
 - D. From verse 4, what does it mean that a few “have not soiled their clothes?”

E. From verse 5, what does it mean that Jesus will “never erase his name from the book of life?”

F. From verse 6, what does “he who has ears, let him hear” mean?