

THE BOOK OF REVELATION
“What Jesus Says To A Tolerant Church”

Rev 2:18-29
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Part 5 of 19

Intro:

Rev 2:18-29 (ESV)

Book:

What is said about Jesus Christ:

- A. His footing is **firm**
- B. His eyes are **piercing**
 - He sees my mind - vs 23
 - He sees my emotion - vs 23
 - Rev 2:19 (ESV)
 - Rev 2:20 (ESV)

Moment of Insight: Don't drop your **guard**

- Galatians 1:6-8 (ESV)

What is said about the church

- Rev 2:20 (ESV)
- Rev 2:21(ESV)

Moment of Insight: Going through a season of life with all going well may be an expression of God's **patience** and not God's **blessing**.

- Rev 2:24 (ESV)

FOUR GLARING ERRORS OF THIS FALSE PROPHETESS

1. **Misuse of Scripture**
2. **She grabbed authority**
3. **Refusal to repent**
4. **Her spiritual elitism**

The Challenge to Faithful Christians

Rev 2:25 - Hold fast until I come

Holding On While Balancing Truth and Tolerance

Options:

- A. Truth without tolerance is **legalism**
- B. Tolerance without truth is **liberalism**
- C. Truth with tolerance is **balance**
 - John 1:14 (ESV)
 - John 1:17 (ESV)

How to Balance the Two:

1. Is this a major or minor issue **according to the Bible?**

Principle: In major issues have unity. In minor issues have diversity. In all issues show love.

2. Do you have a **biblical** conviction about the issue?
 - Romans 14:5 (ESV)
 - Romans 14:14 (ESV)
 - Romans 14:22 (ESV)

Principle: If it's **doubtful**, don't do it

3. How will your decision/involvement impact an **immature** believer?
 - Romans 14:13 (ESV)
 - Romans 14:19 (ESV)

Principle: I have a **responsibility** to others

4. Will this **reflect my love** for the Lord?

Principle: I must remember **whose I am**, then consider if an activity or attitude will demonstrate my love for Jesus

5. What would my **spiritual** role model do?

Principle: Spend time with **mature** believers

The Incredible Reward

- Rev 2:28 (ESV)
- His promise is one day we will be with HIM! So hold fast!