

Big Idea: Love without truth

Convictional Courage

Revelation 2:18-29

It is a destructive deception.

1.) LOVE is at the core of Christian faith (v. 19).

-- Life in **CHRIST** is a life of love.

2.) Love requires INTOLERANCE of false teaching (v. 20).

-- What our culture means by tolerance is not really tolerance at all.

-- The **BUSINESS** atmosphere in Thyatira compelled Christians to participate in idolatry and sexual immorality in order to prosper.

-- The two main evils that plagued Thyatira are the same evils that press against the church in America today: **GREED** and **SEXUAL IMMORALITY**

-- Jesus rebukes the church for tolerating false teaching (Eph. 5:3-7).

3.) Tolerating false teaching invites **DESTRUCTION (v. 21-23).**

-- False teaching must not be tolerated by God's people is because it will not be tolerated by God.

-- Dealing with the ultimate **CONSEQUENCES** of false teaching will be much more painful than rebuking the false teacher in the first place.

-- God loves us too much to sit idly by and watch us destroy our joy by embracing what He hates.

-- God rightly values His own **HONOR** and **GLORY** too much to tolerate doctrines that defame His name.

-- Our view of **TOLERANCE** speaks directly to what kind of God we think rules the universe.

Application (v. 24-28)

1.) Hold fast to God's **TRUTH (v. 24-26).**

-- The one who overcomes in Christ gets nothing less than Christ Himself, who is the **MORNING STAR**

2.) Love the lost by **TELLING the truth.**

-- More than merely tolerating of those who oppose us, we are called by Christ to love them (Luke 6:27-28).