

The Church at Thyatira, *continual sacrifice*
Promises to the Overcomer (Rev. 2:26-29)

- I.** Those who hold His work, are promised that they will co-rule with Christ over the Gentiles.
 - 1. Participate with Him in judgment of the nations at His coming.
 - 2. Rule with a rod of iron (Ps. 2:8-9; Zech. 14:5; Rev. 19:11-16; 2 Thes. 1:7, 10).
- II.** Promise that they will be given the Morning Star.
 - 1. Morning—the beginning of a new day.
 - 2. The Star is Christ (Rev. 22:16).
 - 3. During the Kingdom rule, for 1,000 years, Christ will be the literal light source for the earth.
 - 1) The current sun will blow up and be gone (Is. 30:26; 24:19-20).
 - 2) The Heavenly New Jerusalem will light the earth.
 - 3) Christ will be the light source, lamp, in the Heavenly New Jerusalem (Rev. 21:23-24).
 - 4. Jesus is of the prefect lineage to rule.
- III.** Summary of the church at Thyatira.

The church at Thyatira began as a true church; however, they tolerated false doctrine. They knew about the false doctrine, that it was wrong, and yet by exercising “patience”, they offered no opposition. The false doctrine spread and soon characterized the church as a whole. It became part of the church service as they offered physical sacrifices and ate them. They corrupted the Lord’s Table. Christ is the once and for all physical sacrifice (Heb. 7:27). The communion bread lost its symbolism when they purported that during the ceremony the bread actually became the body of Jesus. They further claimed that the cup turned into the literal blood of Jesus. Thus, during their communion ceremony, they were eating things sacrificed to idols. What began at Pergamos blossomed into fulness at Thyatira. Thyatira is an example of what happens when false doctrine is not rebuked. This church represents the Roman Catholic church, seemingly Christian but primarily an unsaved organization, parallel to the true church.