Revelation 2:18-29
The Church at Thyatira
The Middle or Dark Ages

-these were real churches located within 50 miles of each other
-they also represent all of church history to the present

v18 - angel - means messenger and is the Pastor of the church

Thyatira - means daughter
-this speaks of a woman in the congregation who was leading the church into false doctrine

v18 - the description of Jesus Christ -

Son of God - means Jesus Christ is God

eyes like fire - Jesus sees everything and saw the false doctrine going on

feet like fine brass - speaks of God's judgment and He will stamp out all false teaching

v19 - John commends the church

-for their good works which are greater now than ever in quantity and quality

v20 - John has a complaint against the church

-the church was allowing something to continue to go on - this was not a one time event

-they put up with a dominant woman who was spreading false doctrine
***1 Peter 3:1-6

How do we defeat false doctrine???

(1) KNOW FALSE DOCTRINE IS REAL AND PRESENT - Matthew 24:3-5, 11, 23-25

a. universalism - everyone is going to heaven

doctrine of hell - there is a literal hell

reincarnation - the soul returns to earth in another body after death - this continues until you get it right

b. the result of giving yourself over to false doctrine - vs21-23

1. v22 - it will make you spiritually ill and turn you away from the Lord cast in bed - you go to bed when you are ill

2. v23 - I will kill her children with death - this is the second death - hell

TWO THINGS TO NOTE:

1. these decisions are all right and perfect because God is making them and knows all things

2. He is a God of time - vs21-22b
-He gives everyone many chances to repent

(2) USE YOUR AUTHORITY OVER THE ENEMY - vs20-21

-a spirit of deception - a Jezebel spirit - is what we are all working against
-you must kill this spirit through the authority we have in jesus Christ - continually

Example: 2 Kings 9:31-37 - King Jehu kills Jezebel

RESIST & RESIST CONTINUALLY

(3) KNOW THE WORD OF GOD - vs24-25

hold fast to the Word - grab on tightly/ never let go/have a strong grip

-EX: the queen of heaven - Jezebel brought this into Israel to give eternal life

(4) LISTEN TO THE HOLY SPIRIT - v29

-when anyone is born again, they receive the Holy Spirit. He tells us what is true or false because He is the Spirit of truth

-1 John 2:20-27