



The Letters to the Seven Churches II: Rev. 2:18-3:6
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Proverbs 17:15

He who justifies the wicked and he who condemns the righteous are both alike an abomination to the LORD.

“The reason God’s righteousness is impugned when he passes over sin and does not judge it, is that sin is an attack on the worth of his glory. And God’s righteousness is his unswerving commitment to uphold the worth of his glory... When sin is treated as though it is inconsequential, then the glory of God is treated as inconsequential. When God passes over sin, it looks as though he is agreeing that his glory is of little value...Nevertheless God has chosen sinners for himself. He means to pass over their sins and bring them into his presence and give them everlasting joy...How does he uphold the worth of his glory and yet save sinners?...Something terrible and awesome had to happen to vindicate his allegiance to the worth of his glory. And that something was the death of his Son.”

John Piper

The Pleasures of God: Meditations on God’s Delight in Being God

“It is easy to get so caught up in the things of this life that we lose sight of the fact that only Christ controls the “stars” / churches. That is the heart of watchfulness, to acknowledge the supremacy of Christ in everything. Many churches, even entire denominations, have so compromised their beliefs and practices by accommodating to the ways of the world that they have virtually ceased to be Christian.”

Grant Osborne

Revelation

“Through insignificant Thyatira Jesus will show all churches that he does not tolerate undiscerning tolerance which invites the Serpent’s venom into his body.”

Dennis Johnson

Triumph of the Lamb: A Commentary on Revelation

Philippians 3:1

Finally, my brothers, rejoice in the Lord. To write the same things to you is no trouble to me and is safe for you.



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1Timothy 2:5-6

For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time.

Jeremiah 17:10

“I the LORD search the heart
and test the mind,
to give every man according to his ways,
according to the fruit of his deeds.”

“One thing we can state with a sense of confidence: the problem in Thyatira centered on the guilds. For persons to maintain their livelihood, some connection, indeed membership, in the guilds was a virtual necessity. For Christians the problem was that this mandated participation in the guild feasts, which themselves involved “meat offered to idols”, since the patron gods of the guilds were always worshiped at the feasts.”

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