

HE WHO WINS

*Souls*

is WISE.


- Proverbs 11:30

The elements of our worship, as prescribed by God's word, are as follows:

- **SINGING:** Ephesians 5:18,19; Colossians 3:16
- **PREACHING/TEACHING:** Acts 2:42; Eph. 4:11,12
- **PRAYING:** Acts 2:42; Acts 12:5
- **LORD'S SUPPER:** 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; Acts 20:7
- **GIVING:** 1 Corinthians 16:1,2; 2 Corinthians 9:6,7

**COME WORSHIP  
WITH US!**

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY...9:00  
SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP.....10:00  
SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP.....6:00  
WEDNESDAY EVENING SERVICES....7:00

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- [www.defendthegospel.com](http://www.defendthegospel.com)
  - 1st Sunday Singing Night: 6 pm
  - 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Night: Guest Speaker
  - Men's Business Meeting. 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday night of each month Following Services.



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*"They...searched the scriptures daily..."* -Acts 17:11

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# Gospel Meeting

Preaching: Bruce Higdon

October 19-21

**Theme: Five Duties of the Christian Soldier**

1 Corinthians 16:13-14

Friday

October 19 @ 7 PM: The Duty to Be Watchful

Through

October 20 @ 7 PM: The Duty to Stand Firm

Sunday

October 21 @ 9 AM: The Duty to Be Brave

October 21 @ 10 AM: The Duty to Be Strong

October 21 @ 6 PM: The Duty to Do All Things In Love

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**Everyone Welcome!**

**Bring A Bible! Bring A Friend!**

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# THE SEVEN CHURCHES OF ASIA: THYATIRA

David Eldridge

“And to the angel of the church in Thyatira write...“I know your works, love, service, faith, and your patience; and as for your works, the last are more than the first. Nevertheless I have a few things against you, because you allow that woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess, to teach and seduce My servants to commit sexual immorality and eat things sacrificed to idols. And I gave her time to repent of her sexual immorality, and she did not repent. Indeed I will cast her into a sickbed, and those who commit adultery with her into great tribulation, unless they repent of their deeds. I will kill her children with death, and all the churches shall know that I am He who searches the minds and hearts. And I will give to each one of you according to your works. “Now to you I say, and to the rest in Thyatira, as many as do not have this doctrine, who have not known the depths of Satan, as they say, I will put on you no other burden. But hold fast what you have till I come. And he who overcomes, and keeps My works until the end, to him I will give power over the nations...” (Rev. 2:18-29).

We move in our series on the seven churches in Asia to consider the church at Thyatira and the valuable lessons learned from a study of Jesus’ letter to them.

**A Growing Church:** Jesus said He knew the “works, love, service, faith, and patience” of the church at Thyatira (Rev. 2:19). He said of these works that the “last are more than the first.” This church is a good example in this area. They were a growing church in their work for the Lord. Unfortunately, some do not progress in their knowledge and service (cf. Heb. 5:12-14). We should always seek to be those who “grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ” (2 Pet. 3:18).

**An Undisciplined Church:** Jesus said He had a few things against them because they allowed “that woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess, to teach and seduce My servants to commit sexual immorality and eat things sacrificed to idols” (Rev. 2:20). They had allowed (tolerated) one to teach things that were false and by this many became involved in sin. When a false teacher comes, they should be “met at the door.” Paul “did not yield submission even for an hour” to false teachers. Why? He said, “So that the truth of the gospel might continue...” (Gal. 2:4-5). When false teachings are allowed in among the

Lord’s people, there are some who will fall prey to it (Rev. 2:22). Thus, false teachers should be noted and avoided (Rom. 16:17).

**A Church That Would Be An Example:** Jesus was going to punish “Jezebel” and those who followed her teachings (Rev. 2:21-23). He said the result of this punishment would be, “All the churches shall know that I am He who searches the minds and hearts. And I will give to each one of you according to your works” (Rev. 2:23). These offending members would serve as an example to others of the Lord’s punishment of those teaching and believing a lie.

**An Exhorted Church:** To those who had not been involved in the wrong going on amongst the brethren in Thyatira, the Lord gives them an exhortation. He tells them to “Hold fast what you have till I come” (Rev. 2:25). The Lord encourages them to keep on doing those things which they were doing – to continue to grow in their works, love, service, faith, and patience. By doing this, one may overcome and be blessed by the Lord (Rev. 2:26-28).

“He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches” (Rev. 2:7)..–

## DUTY LIST...

### SUNDAY MORNING

- Announcements.....Michael Pickford
- Scripture Reading...Michael Pickford  
Reading: Proverbs 24:8-14
- Song Leader.....Lynn Buttrey
- Opening Prayer.....Jason Hubbard
- Lord’s Table:
  - Lead.....Kenny Johnson
  - Serve.....Jeff Isbell
  - Serve.....Lynn Buttrey
- Closing Prayer.....Sam Miller

### SUNDAY EVENING

- Song Leader.....Kenny Todd
- Lord’s Table.....Kenny Todd

### WEDNESDAY EVENING

- Song Leader.....Kenny Todd
- Invitation.....Kenny Johnson

**Thank You For Serving!**

## GOD’S PLAN OF SALVATION

There is only one true saving plan of Salvation outlined in Scripture. No substitutes will do. Have you really been saved? Get out your Bible and study the plan below.

- Hear The Gospel: Romans 10:17
- Believe: Mark 16:16; John 8:24
- Repent of Sin: Acts 2:38; 17:30
- Confess Faith: Romans 10:9, 10
- Be Baptized: Mark 16:16;  
Acts 2:38; Acts 22:16; 1 Peter 3:21
- Remain Faithful: Rev. 2:10

***Obey Today!***

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Available Upon Request!***