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Topic: Studies in Revelation: The Church Which Condoned Sin

Scripture text: Revelation 2:18-29

1. A little leaven leaveneth the whole lump (1 Cor 5:6; Gal 5:9). We must be careful not to let sin or false doctrines spread. We cannot compromise and permit sin to enter the church. Compromise will eventually lead to condoning.

2. Christ is described as the Son of God, which emphasises His deity. He has clear, perfect knowledge of what goes on in the church. He is present, active, and assessing the churches. The church at Thyatira had love, was persevering, and serving God faithfully. They did well in service but it is no excuse to condone sin. We cannot hide from God and sin will be judged.

3. Their response to sin was not right. They had allowed false teachings and practices to enter the church. They condoned the sin of fornication and idolatry continually and consistently. The church leaders did not guard the flock. God gave them time to repent before He judged them. Sin, which has been condoned, will be judged. God is longsuffering and patient but we must not take advantage of it. We must be firm to deal with sin, and hold fast to that which is good. Follow God and His truth and we will be blessed.