



Convictional Courage

Revelation 2:18-29

Big Idea: Love without truth is a destructive deception.

1.) _____ is at the core of Christian faith (v. 19).

- Life in Christ is and must be a life of love (Matthew 22:37-40, Romans 5:8, Ephesians 2:4-5).
- Living in Christ's love means putting faith into action by serving one another as Christ served us—selflessly, sacrificially, and enduringly for the glory of God.

2.) Love requires _____ of false teaching (v. 20).

- Tolerance as historically defined means treating someone respectfully even though you vehemently oppose what they say or what they believe.
- Those who scream loudest about tolerance often refuse to practice it themselves.
- The _____ atmosphere in Thyatira compelled Christians to participate in idolatry and sexual immorality in order to prosper.
- The two main evils that plagued Thyatira are the same that threaten the church in America today: _____ and _____.
- Jesus rebukes the church for tolerating false teaching (Eph. 5:3-7).

3.) Tolerating false teaching invites _____ (v. 21-23).

- The consequences of false teaching affect not only the false teacher, but also those who buy the lie (2 Peter 2:1-3).
- Dealing with the ultimate _____ of false teaching will be much more painful than rebuking the false teacher in the first place.
- God loves us too much to sit idly by and watch us destroy our hope and joy by embracing what He hates (Hebrews 12:6-11).
- False teaching must not be tolerated by God's people is because it is intolerable to God.
- Our understanding of _____ speaks directly to what kind of God we think rules the universe.

4.) We love others by holding fast to God's _____ (v. 24-25).

- One absolutely critical component of loving others is helping them look at life through the lens of God's revealed truth.
- To stand against false teaching, we do not need anything new, but only to hold fast to the unchanging truth of God's Word that we have already received.

5.) Fidelity today brings _____ rewards (v. 26-27).

- If we stand firmly for Christ against deception, we will stand securely in His victorious deliverance.
- Faithfulness to truth today reveals possession of the Holy Spirit, by whose wisdom we will one day judge the nations.
- The one who overcomes in Christ receives Christ Himself, the _____ of everlasting life (Num. 24:17, Rev. 22:16).