



Outline - Sunday, June 22, 2014

Sermon Title: The Church at Thyatira: The Blessing and Danger of Good Works

Scripture Reading: Rev 2:18-24

1. The **virtues of good works**: vs 19

- a. The ***practical*** evidence of faith: James 2:15-20
- b. The ***work of*** God: Eph 2:10/John 15:1, 4, 8
Truly good works
- c. It ***adorns*** the gospel: Titus 2:10
Nice meal on a filthy plate
- d. It will ***justify you*** and God on the last day: 1 Pet 2:11-12

2. The **danger of good works**: vs 19 (17)

"They increased more and more"

- a. Feeding the poor, but not preaching to their souls.
Mt 23:23/Mk 8:36
- b. Fighting social ills without it being a premise for the truth.
"A Trojan horse"
- c. Ecumenical involvement leading to an assumption of Christian unity.
Luke 11:25

3. The **compromise of truth**, a foreshadow of our present liberal Churches:
vs 20

- a. An **abandonment of biblical** authority
2 Tim 4:2-4/1 Tim 2:9/1 Cor 14:24-25
- b. The influence of charismatic feminism:
Amy McPherson/Ellen G/Paula White, etc.
- c. A rejection of Apostolic authority:
"She calls herself a prophetess" —P/R
1 Cor 15:36-37
- d. Tolerance (cowardliness) has allowed her to produce an offspring:
vs 23

4. It starts in the dark, but *the Son of God sees it*: vs 18c

- a. They creep in first: Jude 4
- b. They disseminate gradually: 2 Tim 2:17/Gal 5:9
- c. They practice private worship: Ez 8:3-25

5. **Balaam and Jezebel—Old Testament types of present day error: (To be developed)**

APPLICATION:

The seal of God's elect is this: *that "you shall know the truth and truth shall make you free."* Jn 8:32

Having this seal—*"The Lord knoweth them that are his. And, let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity."* 2 Tim 2:19b