



# The main thing is to keep the main thing the main thing!



"I am amazed that you are so quickly deserting Him who called you by the grace of Christ, for a different gospel; which is really not another; only there are some who are disturbing you and want to distort the gospel of Christ. But even if we, or an angel from heaven, should preach to you a gospel contrary to what we have preached to you, he is to be accursed!" (Galatians 1:6-8)



#### "Some may preach the gospel of Jesus Christ better, but no one can preach a better gospel." (Adrian Rogers)



"For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but wanting to have their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in accordance to their own desires, and will turn away their ears from the truth and will turn aside to myths." (2 Timothy 4:3-4)



The good news is that "Jesus died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures." (1 Corinthians 15:3-4)





# Jesus plus anything else is not the gospel.





#### A Church Of Subtle Rot... 1. Looks the Part (Revelation 2:18-19)



#### "The Son of God, who has eyes like a flame of fire, and His feet are like burnished bronze." (Revelation 1:14-15)



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- Jesus loves the church it doesn't matter your numbers or notoriety, God loves His church and wants it pure and holy.





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Although they are not perfect, they are still His, and that should be an encouragement to all of us!



#### A Church Of Subtle Rot... 1. Looks the Part 2. Denies the Gospel (Revelation 2:20-23)



The church in Thyatira had progressed from "the some" to actually tolerating someone teaching these sins of idolatry and immorality.





# This Jezebel was apparently making it easy for some to keep "their Jesus"



 Jesus presents us with his patience and mercy – "I gave her time to repent..."



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- Jesus presents us with his just hatred for evil



Jesus is absolutely passionate for his church and his name, and he executes judgment that is just, serious, and full of purpose.



#### A Church Of Subtle Rot... 1. Looks the Part 2. Denies the Gospel **3. Can Be Restored** (Revelation 2:24-29)



#### 3. Can Be Restored

# "The Christian life is not a battle but a campaign." (Leon Morris)





#### "God proved his love towards us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." (Romans 5:8)



#### "...I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly." (John 10:10)



#### "I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me will live even if he dies..." (John 11:25)



#### "The world is passing away, and also its lusts; but the one who does the will of God lives forever." **(1 John 2:17)**

