

Revelation: The Necessity of Church Discipline
Revelation 2:12-29

- (1) Both churches, who are in societal situations that would heavily tempt them to compromise the _____, are reminded that Christ is the ultimate judge, jury and executioner who sees through every possible façade! (2:12, 18)
- (2) Christ praises the meaningful testimonies of the maturity of their faith in Him. (2:13, 19)
- A. Christ acknowledges that the church in Pergamum is living in the heart of Satanism (the worship of the Emperor) and yet they are being _____ to stand firm in their faith even in the face of death. (2:13)
- B. Christ praises the church in Thyatira for how the fruit of the Spirit (most importantly _____) is clearly being demonstrated in their lives and is growing!
- (3) Christ uses 2 different Old Testament examples of people who led the Israelites into pagan idolatry to highlight what the false teachers in Pergamum and Thyatira are doing in the church with no _____ from the church! (2:14-16, 20-25)
- (4) Christ assures both churches, as well as every believer throughout time, of the seriousness of this prophecy and the incredible blessings of _____ it! (2:17, 26-29)

Challenge: Confronting sin in others is hard and awkward because we are keenly aware that we sin as well! However, “church discipline” is not an effort to police actions but rather an effort to rescue the _____. Therefore, at what level are you committed to rescue others and do you know enough about the Gospel to know the difference between varying convictions over grey areas and the fruits of idolatry?