

The Good—the Bad “Woman,” and the Future in Thyatira

By: Dan Jenkins

We continue looking at the New Testament church, seeing what good things they were doing but also looking at that which needed to be improved and then looking to the future to see what “ugly” and what “beautiful” things lay before them. By now you may have guessed we are looking at the seven churches of Asia mentioned in the book of Revelation.

The city of Thyatira, vitally important but almost defenseless. This ancient city existed because so many important Roman roads intersected there. Sometimes cities were built because they could be fortified against the enemy, but such was not true of Thyatira. The church obviously existed there, and there were many things right in that church. However, it had one major problem, and Jesus addresses it. He looks to the future and promises that He would righteously judge both the good and the bad.

The church at Thyatira had many good and commendable attributes. Jesus mentions several of these in His opening words. “I know your works, love, service, faith, and your patience; and as for your works, the last are more than the first” ([Rev. 2:18](#)). Take time to see what Jesus saw in their lives. They were a church that was motivated by love, and this resulted in service and faith. Add to this the fact that they did not just begin to serve Him, but they were steadfast in the midst of adversity. One member of the church from

Thyatira specifically mentioned was Lydia, a seller of purple who was the first person baptized when Paul answered the Macedonian call and went to Philippi ([Acts 16:14](#)). They did not just begin to serve Him, but their works became greater as time passed.

The bad in the church of Thyatira. There was one major aspect that threatened the church. There was a woman named Jezebel (remember this book is filled with symbols and signs from the Old Testament) who in some way had obtained a major following in leading the church in the wrong direction. The specific doctrine she taught involved a problem confronting so many churches and that was sexual immorality in pagan worship. The church had foolishly let her harm the church. The church had not dealt with it, and Jesus said He was about to come in some way and deal with it. Evil, left unaddressed, will destroy the church, even if their works look so great.

The future for this church. Jesus is just, and it would be “ugly” for those who followed Jezebel. The justice of Jesus was such that He did not overlook those who continued in their patient works, motivated by love, service and faith. He promised them a great reward, described by Him as the morning star. Imagine this church if it had dealt with Jezebel!

Are YOU a Tychicus?

By: Selected

One of the things that makes Bible study so enjoyable is reading about faithful brothers or sisters in Christ for whom there is very little information given. Why is that enjoyable? First, it rejoices the heart that God saw fit to introduce them to us, even if they were not “a big name in the church” (from our perspective). Second, it refreshes the soul to try to relate to them today, knowing that even if there is not much known about me, I can still be useful to the Lord. Third, it revives a longing to be in heaven to meet these brethren and to learn of their devoted service to the Lord.

One such brother in Christ was Tychicus. His name is found five times in the New Testament. He is first found in a list of some of Paul’s travel companions on his third missionary journey (Acts 20:4). Paul told the church in Ephesus that he was sending Tychicus to them from Rome, so that they would know how Paul was doing (Eph. 6:21). Paul told Titus that he may send Tychicus to relieve him in Crete (Tit. 3:12), and near the end of Paul’s life, he sent Tychicus to Ephesus (2 Tim. 4:12).

The verse that tells us the most about Tychicus is a single verse in Colossians, where we learn three things about him. However, the three things we learn are the kind of Christian character for which we must strive today, nearly 2,000 years later. Think about each description from Colossians 4:7.

Tychicus was “a beloved brother.” First, he was a brother in Christ. Paul was a Jew, and Tychicus was a Gentile. But, in Christ, those distinctions made no difference (Rom. 1:16; Gal. 3:28). Second, he was beloved—a word that means “one who is dearly loved, prized, valued.” Do you have any beloved brothers? Have you told them such? Are you

a beloved brother to any brethren in Christ?

Tychicus was a “faithful minister.” First, he was a “minister,” which is from the Greek *diakonos*—a word that emphasizes “one who renders service to another; a servant.” Second, he was faithful, which not only shows that he was trustworthy and dependable, but he was dutiful and devoted in those efforts. Do you know any faithful servants in the church? Are you a faithful servant in the church?

Tychicus was a “fellow servant in the Lord.” First, the word “servant” is from the Greek for “slave,” which denoted one who gave himself up to the will of another. Second, he did not do this on his own, but “fellow” emphasizes a unity and fellowship of many slaves. Third, note carefully that his service was focused “in the Lord.” Do you know any fellow servants in the Lord? Are you a fellow servant in the Lord?

Are YOU a Tychicus? What a great example for us!



Upcoming Events

Tonight: Youth devo after evening services here at the building. Boys bring drinks, girls bring desserts.

Sun. Aug. 16: Trey Jenkins will teach the Bible class and Sunday AM sermon. Trey is a student we support at SWSBS.

Area events:

Area events/details are posted on the bulletin board in the hallway. Please check them out.

Prayer List

Prayer Requests:

Elvis Fairfield, a friend of Steve Randle's, is ill.

Steve request prayers for his knee surgery recovery.

Benny Horton's young friend Robert, who will be having his sixth surgery tomorrow.

Service Roster

Week of August 9, 2026

Sunday Morning
Scripture Reading..... Dan Fielder
Song Leader..... Genesis Williams

Opening Prayer..... Doug Jobs
Closing Prayer.....James Cammock

Lord's Supper & Offering
Bread..... Randy D'Herde
Cup..... Cody McCoy
Offering..... Ron White
Assist..... Caleb Lehtinen
Assist..... Blake Jacobs
Assist..... Clifton Rutherford

Sunday Evening
Song Leader..... Randy D'Herde

Opening Prayer..... Benny Horton
Closing Prayer.....Bryce Dolan

Lord's Supper & Offering.....James Cammock/
Willie Fossati

Wednesday Evening
Adult Class.....James Cammock
Song Leader.....Randy D'Herde
Devotional.....James Cammock

Other
Prepare Communion for Aug.....A. Sneeringer

Congregational News This Week

Birthdays
Will Burleson.....Aug. 11
Scarlet Atkinson.....Aug. 14
Lupe Escojido, Sr.....Aug. 14

Anniversaries
Mike & Julia Atkinson.....Aug. 14
Barry & Krista Lehtinen.....Aug. 14

Summer Series Wednesday Night Classes

Every Wednesday night during the Summer session, the Adults will be learning about "Questions Jesus Asked" and the Children will be learning about "Biomimicry: God invented it First". Please join us at 7pm.

If you have any prayer requests, upcoming events to be announced, or updates/corrections please contact our secretary, Nina Siegel, at (361) 573-0030 or email office.midtownchurch@gmail.com

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Cody McCoy

Weekly Reading

He who is faithful in what is least is faithful also
in much; and he who is unjust in what is least is
unjust also in much.
Luke 16:10 NKJV

Service Times

Sunday Morning Bible Class.....9:00 A.M.
Sunday Morning Worship.....10:00 A.M.
Sunday Evening Worship.....5:00 P.M.
Wednesday Bible Class.....7:00 P.M.

Attendance Records

Week of August 2, 2026

A.M. Bible Class.....67
A.M. Worship.....108
P.M. Worship.....47
Wednesday Worship.....67

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