

What sins do Christians tend to tolerate in our own lives or in the lives of Christian friends when we should not do so?

What does it mean to *hold fast* (vs. 25)?

What were the things that the church in Thyatira were called to hold fast to until Jesus returns?

What does it mean to become an overcomer or conqueror?

What are the beliefs and practices we have that we are to lean into and become overcomers in Him?

What reward is promised to the church in Thyatira if they held fast and overcame the temptations of the world? Are they promised to us as well? Why or why not?

How can we help each other hold fast and faithfully walk with God in a way that pleases Him?

GOSPEL CONNECTION

“⁴For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. ⁵Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?” 1 John 5:4-5

APPLICATION

As a believer in Jesus for your salvation, have your deeds (works) become greater than when you first trusted in Jesus as your Savior? Describe why and how.

MEMORY VERSE

“I, the LORD, search the heart, I test the mind,
Even to give to each man according to his ways,
According to the results of his deeds.” Jeremiah 17:10

Sermon-Based Study Guide

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Sermon Series:
What is the Spirit Saying?

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Hold Fast

Revelation 2:18-29

1. Intro - Chiasm and the Seven Churches of Revelation

2. A Good Church in Trouble

3. Hold Fast

Sermon available at [centurybaptist.org/watch/](https://www.centurybaptist.org/watch/)

Community Life Group Sermon-Based Study

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Our desire and goal is for all who call Century Baptist their church home to be involved in a Community Life Group or Bible study. We believe one of the best ways to be fed and exhorted in our faith is to interact with the Sunday sermon. This guide is designed to facilitate interaction by diving into the Sunday message through the study of Scripture together. If you are not in a group, we encourage you to take the step of involvement in community around your faith and the pursuit of faith in Jesus. While this study guide can be used individually, the greatest benefit of growth comes when people are interacting with each other around Biblical truth.

Contact Pastor Paul Herr at 701.223.0478 to learn more about sermon-based community life groups, and leading or hosting a group.

OPENING UP

When did you last write a letter? To whom? Why?

INTRODUCTION to *What is the Spirit Saying?* sermon series

“As stated in Revelation 1:11 Christ sent a message to each of seven local churches in Asia Minor. The order of scriptural presentation was geographic. A messenger would naturally travel the route from the seaport Ephesus 35 miles north to another seaport Smyrna, proceed still farther north and to the east, to Pergamos, and then would swing further to the east and south to visit the other four cities (1:11).

“Though each message is different, the letters have some similarities. In each one Christ declared that He knows their works; each one includes a promise to those who overcome; each one gives an exhortation to those hearing; and each letter has a particular description of Christ that related to the message which follows. Each letter includes a commendation (except the letter to Laodicea), a rebuke (except the letters to Smyrna and Philadelphia), an exhortation, and an encouraging promise to those heeding its message. In general these letters to the seven churches address the problems inherent in churches throughout church history and are an incisive and comprehensive revelation of how Christ evaluates local churches.” John F. Walvoord

READ Revelation 2:18-29

What was one point or statement from the message that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

Who is giving John the message that he is to write to the 7 churches?

Who are the recipients of these messages (mini epistles)?

What do we learn about who Jesus is and what He does from the way He describes Himself in verse 18?

How does the letter to the church in Thyatira fit into the series of letters to the churches?

What does Christ say the church at Thyatira is doing well?

What does Christ hold against the church at Thyatira?

Who was responsible for the bad practices that were happening in the church?

In what ways was the church in Thyatira going against the recommendation of the Jerusalem Council and their letter to the Gentile churches? (Acts 15:1-33)

In what ways are we tempted to compromise our faith walk, both individually and collectively as the church, with the ways of the world?

What are some things you have witnessed or participated in at our church that follow God's calling and should be commended?

What are some areas or issues in our church that need addressing as evidence of compromise with the ways of the world?