

July 26, 2026

KENNEWICK CHURCH OF CHRIST



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

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!!~ Dan Jenkins

Keep these Dates in Mind	Birthdays and Anniversaries	
08/02 Monthly Potluck 08/08 Men's Business Mtg. 9:00a 08/10 Hand & Foot Get Together 08/30 5 th Sunday Singing	Debra Bolt 8/8 Doreen Martinez 8/12 Danny Mendoza 8/13 Darrell McLaughlin 8/14 Kyle & Naomi McCown 8/16	Ellie Woodward 8/21 Julianna Woodward 8/24 Harvey & Lynette Jones 8/25 Bonnie Johnson 8/28
5th Sunday Singings	Bible Studies	
May 31 – Pendleton Aug 30 – Hermiston Nov 29 - Kennewick	Adult Bible Classes (Fellowship Hall) Sunday am (9:30a) – Titus Wed pm (7:00p) - Amos	Ladies Class Ladies class - Classes begin again in September

For us to remember:

- **Tami Pennington, Sandi Gray, Bill Lafferty, Linda Lafferty, Paul Mays, Joe Marcotte, Lupe Mendoza, Jim Preston, Doreen Martinez, Rod Gillespie**
- **Jonnie Marcotte** – Went back to the hospital and had surgery on her hip again due to fractures in her pelvis and femur. She had a plate and many screws added to remedy the solution of several fractures. Please keep her family in prayer as she recovers.
- **George Bills** (Gary and Linda Bill's son) who has heart issues since he was young, had several trips to ER and it was determined he needs a heart transplant. Keep them in your prayers as they work through all that is involved in this
- **Tony and Queca Woods** are going to Peru on a mission the last two weeks of August. Keep them in your prayers as they spread God's word in Peru.
- **Seth Hass** (Friend of Chase) – had a stroke in his brain stem. Keep him in your prayers as he recovers
- **Wanda Danley** – As she recovers from a broken foot. Please pray for her recovery.
- **Pat Lindsay** – is back in the hospital with low heart rate and irregular heart rhythm. A pacemaker was installed to help regulate her heart. Keep her in your prayers as she recovers and pray this addresses some of the issues she has been facing lately.

Date	Opening Prayer	Song Leader	Communion Thought (Devotional)	Lord's Supper	Closing Prayer
This week	J. Danley	H. Jones	G. Keever	L. Moore J. Wilson	D. Nelson
Next Week	H. Jones	L. Moore	J. Danley	G. Keever J. Wilson	D. McLaughlin

Have You Forgotten You Died?

Paul reminds us in Romans 6:1-4, "What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life."

When we committed our lives to Christ by being baptized, we buried our old self and died to sin so that we could be raised to walk in our new life. As we continue to walk in our new life, Satan is there at every corner, tempting us back into living like our old self. Far too often, it seems as though we have forgotten that we died (to sin) and we live like that old person we buried in baptism. When we do this, it is as if we are the walking dead, which is not someone any of us want to be, and none of us want to see.

The apostle Peter put it this way in 2 Peter 2:20-22: "For if, after they have escaped the defilements of the world through the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they are again entangled in them and overcome, the last state has become worse for them than the first. For it would have been better for them never to have known the way of righteousness than after knowing it to turn back from the holy commandment delivered to them. What the true proverb says has happened to them: 'The dog returns to its own vomit, and the sow, after washing herself, returns to wallow in the mire.'" Also, it's not a pretty picture.

Have you forgotten that you died to sin? Live for Christ and walk in the new life every day!

~ Gregg Woodall

Check it for yourself

A man of God went from Judah to Bethel in 1 Kings 13, as instructed by the Lord. Part of the commandment from the Lord included, "You shall not eat bread nor drink water there, nor return by going the way you came" (13:17). Pretty simple! However, an old prophet found him and told him, "I too am a prophet as you are, and an angel spoke to me by the word of the Lord, saying, 'Bring him back with you to your house, that he may eat bread and drink water'" (13:18). The Holy Spirit tells us at the end of the verse, "He was lying to him."

The younger prophet "went back with him, and ate bread in his house, and drank water" (13:19), and he was punished by the Lord, because he "disobeyed the word of the Lord" (13:21-24).

The young prophet knew what God said, but he allowed someone else to deceive him into believing God said something else. Friend, gather "the sum" of God's truth (Psa. 119:160), handle it "aright" (2 Tim. 2:15, ASV), and do not be persuaded away from God's truth by any words of any man. ~David Sproule

Wednesday Night Devotional

Date	Song leader	Devotional	Date	Song leader	Devotional
07/01	C. Sullins	J. Wilson	07/29	D. Mendoza	C. Sullins
07/08	D. Mendoza	H. Jones	08/05	L. Moore	J. Wilson
07/15	L. Moore	D. Mendoza	08/12	C. Sullins	H. Jones
07/22	H. Jones	L. Moore	08/19	L. Moore	D. Mendoza

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Door Access			
May	Joe Wilson	Sep	Darrell Mc Laughlin
Jun	Gary Keever	Oct	Danny Mendoza
Jul	Chase Sullins	Nov	Harvey Jones
Aug	Larry Moore	Dec	Vern Engelke

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Meeting Times:

Sunday Bible Study 9:30 am	Wednesday Night Bible Study 6:00 pm
Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 am	Sunday Night Worship 6:00 pm

Minister: Chase Sullins

Attendance 07/19 45 Contribution 07/19 \$2000.00