

Hold Fast to the Truth!

The Message to Thyatira

Rev. 2:18-29

“Nevertheless, what you have, hold fast until I come.” (Rev. 2:25)

“So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the teachings we passed on to you, whether by word of mouth or by letter.” (2 Th 2:15, NIV)

“Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession.”
(Heb. 4:14, NKJV)

“Neglecting the commandment of God, you hold to the tradition of men.”
(Mark 7:8, NASB)

“No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other.
Ye cannot serve God and mammon.”
(Matt. 6:24, KJV)

“Hold Fast” means . . .

1) Don’t take your _____ the One Whose _____ are on _____! (v. 18)

“The Son of God, who has eyes like a flame of fire, and His feet are like burnished bronze....” (v. 18, see 1:14b-15a)

“...holding fast to the head [Jesus]” (Col. 2:18-19)

“And behold, Jesus met them and said, ‘Rejoice!’ And they came up and took hold of His feet, and worshiped Him.” (Matt. 28:9)

2) Don’t get _____ because of your _____. (v. 19)

“I know your deeds, and your love and faith and service and perseverance, and that your deeds of late are greater than at first. But I have this against you....” (v. 19-20a)

3) Don’t _____ on the _____ and be _____ from Christ. (v. 20-23)

“...she teaches and leads my bond-servants astray....” (v. 20)

4) Don’t _____ in the church. (v. 20)

“But I have this against you, that you tolerate the woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess...” (v. 20)

“Timothy, protect what has been entrusted to you, avoiding worldly, empty chatter and the opposing arguments of what is falsely called “knowledge”— which some have professed and thereby have gone astray from the faith.” (1 Tim. 6:20-21)

“Preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort, with great patience and instruction. 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 Tim. 4:2-4)

5) Don’t _____ as you look toward His _____. (vv. 24-29)

“...hold fast until I come....” (v. 25)

“...so that...we who have taken refuge would have strong encouragement to hold firmly to the hope set before us. This hope we have as an anchor of the soul...” (Heb. 6:18-19)