

## *STUDYING THE BOOK OF REVELATION (7) THE REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST*

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### *REVELATION 2 MESSAGE TO THYATIRA*

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2:26, 27 The overcomer will share in Christ's triumph over all evil and evildoers, and in His messianic rule (see Ps. 2:8, 9), which was inaugurated at His First Coming (see 1:6)

2:28 The morning star: Jesus Himself, heralding the dawn of a new day, is our ultimate reward

2:29 Develop your spiritual ear. The wise believer takes the time to listen with his spiritual hearing to what the Spirit is saying to the church. This is as needed today as it was in the first century. One who hears and follows the voice of the Holy Spirit does not need to fear the deception that leads to apostasy. Rather, he will walk

where Jesus requires and will grow in the things of the Spirit of God, which produce healthy, vibrant, Spirit-filled churches capable of preaching Jesus to all the world.

## Word Treasures



**2:23 hearts.** From the root word meaning "to quiver" or "to palpitate" (compare "cardiac" and "pericardium"). The physical organ of the body, the center of physical life, the seat of one's personal life, (both physical and spiritual), the center of one's personality, the seat of one's entire mental and moral activity, containing both emotional elements. It is the seat of feelings, desires, joy, pain, and love. It is also the center for thought, understanding, and will. The human heart is the dwelling place of the Lord and the Holy Spirit. In v.23, the omniscient Lord sees into the innermost being where decisions concerning Him are made.



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