

"Can you hear Me?"

LETTERS FROM GOD

**God's Letter to
the Tolerant**
Message 4

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► Outline

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Galatians 6:1 (NLT)

A. Introduction

(Matthew 18:15; James 5:19-20; 2 Timothy 3:16)

B. The Message to the Church in Thyatira:

(Revelation 2:18-29)

1. _____:
**(Revelation 2:18. C/R: Acts 16:12-15; 1 Peter 4:17;
Revelation 1:14-15)**
2. _____:
**(Revelation 2:19. C/R: Galatians 5:22-23; James 2:17-18; 2
Peter 1:5-8)**

3. _____:
**(Revelation 2:20-21. C/R: 1 Kings 16:30-31; Luke 17:1-2; 1
Corinthians 6:15-20; 10:21)**

4. _____:
**(Revelation 2:22-23. C/R: Matthew 16:27; Romans 2:5-8; 1
Corinthians 6:9-10; Philippians 3:18-19)**

5. _____:
**(Revelation 2:24-25. C/R: 1 Corinthians 5:9-11;
Ephesians 5:11; 1 Thessalonians 5:19-22; Hebrews 4:14)**

6. _____:
**(Revelation 2:26-29. C/R: 1 Corinthians 6:2-3;
2 Peter 1:19; Revelation 20:6; 22:16)**

Answers: 1. Greeting 2. Affirmation 3. Concern 4. Consequences 5. Challenge 6. Rewards
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► Discussion Guide

Use this guide by yourself or with friends to discover more about God and develop a deeper relationship with Him. To get connected in a Small Group, visit brookwoodchurch.org/smallgroups.

Conversation Starter

Were you more of a rebel or a rule-follower when you were growing up?

Opening in Prayer

Pause for a few minutes to quiet your heart and mind. Ask God to help you hear His voice during this week's study and reflection.

Personal Reflection/Group Discussion

Read [Revelation 2:18-29](#).

1. Jesus is described as *the Son of God, whose eyes are like flames of fire, whose feet are like polished bronze* (vs. 18). What does this imagery teach us about Jesus? How are these descriptions relevant for the church in Thyatira?
2. What were the good things God saw in this church? What concern or problem does Jesus have with the church in Thyatira?
3. What sins are becoming more prevalent among Christians today? How should we address those?
4. What have you been tolerating in your life that needs to change? What would help you change?
5. Not everyone in Thyatira followed false teaching. What are rewards of remaining faithful to God? What are dangers of not responding to God?
6. When or how has God caused or allowed discomfort in your life to bring you back to Him? Share that story.

Soul Training

During this series through March 8, we'll focus on learning to hear God's voice using the pattern in the letters to the churches in [Revelation 2-3](#). Visit brookwoodchurch.org/hearingGod to discover what the Bible teaches about hearing God, view an outline of the letter we're seeking to receive from God, as well as additional resources to help you hear from God.

Spend a few minutes in silence, preparing your heart to hear from God.

So far we've asked God for a personal *greeting*, words of *affirmation*, and specific *concerns* that need to be addressed in our lives. Based on what we've been hearing from God, it's time to ask for direction. This section is about surrender – submitting our entire being to God's perfect and deserved leadership. God is good and knows what's best for us.

Based on what God's been saying to you, what **CHALLENGE** does He have for you? Ask Him to show you what He wants you to stop doing, start doing, or strengthen in your life. This is meant to be an action statement that includes specific next steps God wants you to take. Ask God how He would complete this statement for you:

Because of My concerns, My challenge for you is _____

Memory Verse

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Daily Reading

Day 1: [James 5:19-20](#)

Day 4: [1 Corinthians 6:9-20](#)

Day 2: [2 Peter 1:3-11](#)

Day 5: [1 Thessalonians 5:16-22](#)

Day 3: [1 Corinthians 5:9-13](#)

Prepare for Next Sunday

Next Sunday, February 23, we'll continue our series by looking at a church that needed a loud wake-up call. May God use this letter to the church in Sardis to make us all more fully alive in Him! To prepare, read [Revelation 3:1-6](#).



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