

Sunday, October 27, 2019 Dr. Landon Dowden

I SEE YOU Rev. 2:18-29

Passage in a Sentence: The One who searches and knows His church will hold our faith family accountable for both our obedience and our disobedience.

- I. AT ALL TIMES AND IN ALL PLACES, JESUS SEES AND KNOWS ALL THINGS ABOUT HIS CHURCH (AND EVERYONE ELSE). (2:18)
- II. WHEN HE SEES A FAITH FAMILY IN WHOM AND THROUGH WHOM THE GOSPEL IS ADVANCING, HE COMMENDS THEM. (2:19)
 - a. Jesus sees our going with the gospel.
 - b. Jesus sees our growth in the gospel.
- III. WHEN HE SEES A FAITH FAMILY IN WHICH IDOLATRY AND IMMORALITY ARE NOT ONLY TOLERATED BUT TAUGHT, HE CONFRONTS THEM. (2:20)
 - a. Jesus will never allow gospel-denying, self-indulgent religion to thrive in His church.
 - b. When anti-gospel tenets are being presented as gospel truths, we should all refuse to tolerate such idolatry and immorality.
- IV. WHEN HE SEES THOSE WHO REFUSE TO REPENT, JESUS IS COMMITTED TO RUINING THEM. (2:21-23a)
 - a. The opportunity to repent is a grace to us.
 - b. Refusal to repent should be met with church discipline.
 - i. If church discipline is needed but not enacted, the one needing discipline is not the only one in disobedience.
- V. WHEN HE SEES THOSE WHO REMAIN FAITHFUL, JESUS IS COMMITTED TO REWARDING THEM. (2:24-28)
 - a. They will reign with Christ.
 - b. They will receive the Morning Star.
- VI. HE WANTS US TO SEE WHAT HE SAYS AND DOES WITH HIS CHURCHES. (2:23b, 29)