

**Sunday Session 2 – May 25, 2014**  
**Seize, Attain, Retain – Revelation 2:24**

Read Revelation 2:25-25.

Verse 24: *“But to you I say, and unto the rest in Thyatira, as many as have not this teaching, and who have not known the deep secrets of Satan as they say, I am not casting (imposing) on you another burden.”*

Verse 25: *“Nevertheless, hold fast what you have, until I come.”*

The Jezebel approach has never changed. It is designed to get the believer to be pre-occupied with self.

The Jezebel approach is to find something nice in you and exploit it.

Her major problem was neither idolatry nor immorality; it was with her relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ.

The change of mind is related to the NEED for RTF – not immorality.

She is immoral in her backslidden state.

She needs to change her mind about her relationship – which results in her immorality.

Immorality is a detail – her backslidden state is her problem.

“Nevertheless” in verse 25 is “PLEN” in the Greek. “Hold Fast” is the Greek word “KRATEO”, in the aorist tense, active voice (subject produces the action), and imperative mood. This is a command to hold fast to what these few people in Thyatira are already doing. It means to SEIZE, to take into custody in the soul, to grow, attain, and retain God's Word and to grow! This is a word of power and force. Advance in Grace! Do not stay a baby believer. To run enthusiastically and with great purpose! This begins, for the believer, with *one vital step*:

Confession of Sin

1. The believer is saved by grace alone, through faith alone, in Christ alone (Isa 64:6; Eph 2:8-9; Gal 2:16; Titus 3:5). And God DOES NOT sponsor any flops, and God DOES NOT tell lies. There is no room for unbelief in what God says here in the perfect tense verb used in Ephesians 2:8-9! When God saves, He thus is able to save with an eternal salvation.
2. The believer, once saved, is never in danger of forfeiting his salvation (John 10:28; Rom 8:38-39; 11:29).
3. ... to be continued ...

Literal Translation of Revelation 2:25: *“Nevertheless what you have, hold fast until I shall come.”*

In this Church there is a minority of those advancing in God's Grace, those who have rejected the depths of Satan and have said “no” to false teaching.

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Jezebel and her followers are headed down a wrong road, headed for the sin unto death (SUD). The SUD is the means of God's discipline. And she led the majority of these people down a path that promised happiness, but it was only *pseudo-happiness*.