

The Importance of Truth
Discipleship For Today, Part 4

Revelation 2:12-17
January 31, 2010

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... **persecution from outside the church**

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... **false-teaching from inside the church**

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... **idolatry as merely ignorant illusion**

*"... who enticed the Israelites to sin by eating food
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... **sex as merely a biological act**

"... and by committing sexual immorality ..." (vs. 14)

Jesus ...

... **is passionately intolerant of falsehood**

*"Repent therefore! Otherwise I will come to you and
will fight against them with the sword of my mouth."
(vs. 16)*

... **focuses us on obedience to His Word**

*"If you hold to my teaching, you are really my
disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth
will set you free." (John 8:32)*

... **calls us to find our sustenance in Him**

*"To him who overcomes I will give some of the
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... **assures us of our security in Him**

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