

The 8th Sunday after Pentecost ~ Sunday, July 15, 2018

“Letters to the 7 Churches ~ Pergamum”

Revelation 2:12-17



**JESUS’ DESCRIPTION
THE TWO-EDGED SWORD**

“And to the angel of the church in Pergamum write: These are the words of him who has the sharp two-edged sword...” (Revelation 2:12)

“...And standing in the middle of the lamp stands was someone like the Son of Man...and a sharped two-edged sword came from his mouth.” (Revelation 1:16)

- A sword symbolized:

Right of sword =

- A sword symbolized:

“For the word of God is alive and powerful. It is sharper than the sharpest two-edged sword, cutting between soul and spirit, between joint and marrow. It exposes our innermost thoughts and desires.” (Hebrews 4:12)

The 2 edges =

“I will not judge those who hear me but don’t obey me, for I have come to save the world and not to judge it. But all who reject me and my message will be judged on the day of judgment by the truth I have spoken.” (John 12:47)

JESUS’ COMPLIMENT

“I know where you are living, where Satan’s throne is. Yet, you are holding fast to my name, and you did not deny your faith in me even in the days of Antipas my faithful witness, my faithful one, who was killed among you, where Satan lives.” (Revelation 2:13)

Jesus commends the church in Pergamum for:

Krateo =

“I know where you live.” (Revelation 2:13)

- Jesus knew
- Jesus knew
- Jesus knew

The Christian life isn’t an escape—it’s a _____.

“Everyone who acknowledges me publicly here on earth, I will also acknowledge before my Father in heaven. But everyone who denies me here on earth, I will also deny before my Father in heaven.” (Matthew 10:32-33)

Can the same be said of the church today?

Can the same be said of Living Waters?

“We can rejoice, too, when we run into problems and trials, for we know that they help us develop endurance. And endurance develops strength of character, and character strengthens our confident hope of salvation. And this hope will not lead to disappointment.” (Romans 5:3-5)

JESUS’ 2 CRITICISMS

“But I have a few complaints against you. You tolerate some among you whose teaching is like that of Balaam, who showed Balak how to trip up the people of Israel. He taught them to sin by eating food offered to idols and by committing sexual sin. In a similar way, you have some Nicolaitans among you who follow the same teaching.” (Revelation 2:14-15)

The church in Pergamum had some serious _____ problems.

#1. Jesus criticised them for: _____

“You tolerate some among you whose teaching is like that of Balaam...” (Revelation 2:14) (Reference Number 22-31)

#2. Jesus criticised them for: _____

“In a similar way, you have some Nicolaitans among you who follow the same teaching.” (Revelation 2:14)

Nicolaitans =

Unlike the church in Ephesus, that kicked the Nicolaitans out, the church in Pergamum _____ them, _____ teaching that was contrary to the gospel.

“Well then, should we keep on sinning so that God can show us more and more of his wonderful grace? Of course not! Since we have died to sin, how can we

continue to live in it? Or have you forgotten that when we were joined with Christ Jesus in baptism, we joined him in his death? For we died and were buried with Christ by baptism. And just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glorious power of the Father, now we also may live new lives.” (Romans 5:20)

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Broad churchism =

JESUS’ COMMAND

“Repent of your sin, or I will come to you suddenly and fight against them with the sword of my mouth.” (Revelation 2:16)

Jesus gives them this simple command to right that wrong: _____!

Metanoeo =

Repentance =

Hagios =

“The world would love you as one of its own if you belonged to it, but you are no longer part of the world. I chose you to come out of the world, so it hates you.” (John 15:19)

“To everyone who is victorious I will give some of the manna that has been hidden away in heaven. And I will give to each one a white stone, and on the stone will be engraved a new name that no one understands except the one who receives it.” (Revelation 2:17b)

Hidden manna=

White stone =

New name =

**Do you have ears to hear or are you too distracted
by the noise of the world?**

God is speaking—are you listening?



What The Bible Says about Compromise: For Reflection & Prayer

“If you love me, obey my commandments.” (John 14:15)

“So fear the Lord and serve him wholeheartedly. Put away forever the idols your ancestors worshiped when they lived beyond the Euphrates River and in Egypt. Serve the Lord alone...But as for me and my family, we will serve the Lord.” (Joshua 24:14-15)

“So put to death the sinful, earthly things lurking within you. Have nothing to do with sexual immorality, impurity, lust, and evil desires. Don’t be greedy, for a greedy person is an idolater, worshiping the things of this world.” (Col 3:5)

“They traded the truth about God for a lie. So they worshiped and served the things God created instead of the Creator himself, who is worthy of eternal praise! Amen.” (Romans 1:25)

“Then Elijah stood in front of them and said, “How much longer will you waver, hobbling between two opinions? If the Lord is God, follow him! But if Baal is God, then follow him!” But the people were completely silent.” (1 Kings 18:21)

“Then, calling the crowd to join his disciples, he said, ‘If any of you wants to be my follower, you must turn from your selfish ways, take up your cross, and follow me.’” (Mark 8:34)

“Jesus told him, ‘I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me.’” (John 14:6)

“Well then, should we keep on sinning so that God can show us more and more of his wonderful grace?” (Romans 6:1)

“But Daniel was determined not to defile himself by eating the food and wine given to them by the king. He asked the chief of staff for permission not to eat these unacceptable foods.” (Daniel 1:8)

“A person without self-control is like a city with broken-down walls.” (Proverbs 25:28)

“No one can serve two masters. For you will hate one and love the other; you will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.” (Matthew 6:24)