

Pergamum **Revelation 2.12-17**

Introduction: How are you doing spiritually? When you take spiritual inventory of yourself, do you have to confess that personal godliness is on the decline and compromise with the world is growing? Are you living more for this world than for the next? Are you more forward looking than upward-looking?

The speaker is identified (v.12).

“And to the angel of the church in Pergamum write: ‘The words of him who has the sharp two-edged sword.’”

“For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.” (Heb 4:12 esv)

The church is praised (v.13).

“I know where you dwell, where Satan’s throne is. Yet you hold fast my name, and you did not deny my faith even in the days of Antipas my faithful witness, who was killed among you, where Satan dwells.”

“and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.” (Phil 2:11 esv)

“But as for you, teach what accords with sound doctrine.” (Titus 2:1)

“For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in him but also suffer for his sake,” (Phil 1:29 esv)

The accusation is made (vv.14-15).

“But I have a few things against you: you have some there who hold the teaching of Balaam, who taught Balak to put a stumbling block before the sons of Israel, so that they might eat food sacrificed to idols and practice sexual immorality. So also you have some who hold the teaching of the Nicolaitans.”

“Therefore go out from their midst, and be separate from them, says the Lord, and touch no unclean thing; then I will welcome you, and I will be a father to you, and you shall be sons and daughters to me, says the Lord Almighty.” (2 Cor 6:17-18 esv)

The call to repentance (v.16).

“Therefore repent. If not, I will come to you soon and war against them with the sword of my mouth.”

“let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.” (Isa 55:7)

A promise is given (v.17).

“He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To the one who conquers I will give some of the hidden manna, and I will give him a white stone, with a new name written on the stone that no one knows except the one who receives it.”

“So Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day.” (John 6:53-54 esv)