

SERMON SERIES: THE SEVEN CHURCHES IN REVELATION
“THE CHURCH IN PERGAMOS”: THE WORLDLY CHURCH
Revelation 2:12-17

INTRODUCTION:

According to Pastor Adrian Rogers, “It is better to be divided by truth than to be united in error. It is better to be hated for telling the truth than to be loved for telling a lie.” The Church in Pergamos was Known for its Toleration of Sin.

We will study six stages of the Letter to the Church in Pergamos:

- I. **THE COMMISSION TO THE CHURCH IN PERGAMOS** (v. 12a)
 - A. The Pastor is Responsible for the Leadership of a Church
 - B. The Pastor is to lead Believers to a life of self-denial, holiness.
 - C. The Pastor is to lead Believers to live a Pure and Godly Life.
 - D. The Pastor is responsible for His flock (1 Pet 5:2)

- II. **THE CHARACTER OF THE CHURCH IN PERGAMOS** (v. 12b)
 - A. The He is Jesus Christ Himself – Christ is the Speaker
 - B. Christ’s Description of Himself (Heb 4:12; 2 Pet 1:3; Isa 40:8)

- III. **THE COMMENDATION OF THE CHURCH IN PERGAMOS** (v. 13)
 - A. The Church remained loyal to Christ’s Name (1 John 2:22-23)
 - B. This Church was Sound in Doctrine – “Hath Not Denied My Faith” (2 Tim 4:1-2; Titus 2:1)
 - C. The Church was Standing Fast in Persecution (Acts 1:8)

- IV. **THE CONDEMNATION OF THE CHURCH IN PERGAMOS** (vv. 14-15; Matt 18:15-20)
 - A. “The Doctrine of Balaam” (Gal 5:9)
 - B. “The Doctrine of Nicolaitans” (Matt 6:24; 1 Cor 10:21; 2 Cor 6:14, 17)

- V. **THE COMMAND TO THE CHURCH IN PERGAMOS** (v. 16)
 - A. “Repent” (1 John 1:9)
 - B. For those who refuse to repent, Christ said, He will come quickly.

- VI. **THE COUNSEL TO THE CHURCH IN PERGAMOS** (v. 17)
 - **The Two-Fold Promise to Overcomers:**
 - A. The Overcomer is given the right to eat “Hidden Manna.” (Ex 16:14; John 6:48-51; Eph 1:3)
 - B. The Overcomer is given a white stone with a New Name written on it.

CONCLUSION:

- A. Christians should not love the World (1 John 2:15-16)
- B. The Person/Church who thinks lightly of sin, thinks lightly of God.
- C. ABC’s of Salvation (Rom 3:23; Eph 2:8-9; Rom 5:8; 1 Cor 15:3-4; Rom 10:9-13)

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“... the word of our God shall stand for ever” (Isa 40:8).