

Pergamum – The Compromising Church

Revelation 2:12-17

I. Christ – Verse 12

“The One who has the sharp two-edged sword”

“And out of His mouth came a sharp two-edged sword”. 1:16

“For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.” (Hebrews 4:12, NASB95)

“And take...the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.”
(Ephesians 6:17, NASB95)

“From His mouth comes a sharp sword, so that with it He may strike down the nations, and He will rule them with a rod of iron; and He treads the wine press of the fierce wrath of God, the Almighty.” (Revelation 19:15, NASB95)

II. Commendation – Verse 13

A. They dwell where Satan’s throne is

B. You hold fast my Name and did not deny my faith

ANTIPAS – Church tradition tells us that Antipas was brought before a statue of Caesar and told to swear that Caesar was god. But Antipas boldly proclaimed that Jesus alone was Lord and that there was no other god but He. The Roman official exclaimed, “Antipas, don’t you know that the whole world is against you? To which Antipas replied, “Then Antipas is against the whole world.” Antipas was then put inside a brass bull until he was roasted to death.

III. Criticism – Verse 14-15

A. The teaching of Balaam

B. The teaching of the Nicolaitans

IV. Counsel – Repent – Verse 16

V. Certainty – Verse 17

A. Jesus will give them some of the hidden manna

B. Jesus will give them a white stone

C. Jesus will give them a new name written on the stone