

## PERGAMOS: THE CHURCH THAT WAS WEDDED TO THE WORLD

(Revelation 2:12-17)

- A. The Vision of the Glorified Christ (1:9-20)
- B. The Church at Ephesus (2:1-7)
- C. The Church at Smyrna (2:8-11)
- D. The Church at Pergamos (2:12-17)

1. The city of Pergamum was the \_\_\_\_\_ of Asia Minor, it was a wealthy city about 55 miles from Smyrna; Pergamum was famous for its university with a \_\_\_\_\_ of about 200,000 volumes and for its many pagan, cultic \_\_\_\_\_. (v. 12a)
  
2. Jesus is described as having a “*sharp two-edged sword,*” which indicates that He has absolute \_\_\_\_\_ over all world \_\_\_\_\_. (v. 12b)
  
3. Christ knew their “\_\_\_\_\_” was among “*Satan’s throne,*” among the paganism, among the \_\_\_\_\_ temples, among the \_\_\_\_\_ worship. (v. 13a, cf. Philip. 3:20-21)
  
4. The believers in Pergamum were commended for \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ their faith at a time when *Antipas* (which means “against all”) was martyred. (v. 13b)
  
5. Jesus had some criticisms for this worldly church, they had compromised...
  - a. The doctrine of Balaam: He rebuked the church for tolerating those who (like Balaam), were undermining people’s faith. Some in the church were attempting to let the end justify the means by \_\_\_\_\_ civic ceremonies, \_\_\_\_\_ meat offered to idols, and \_\_\_\_\_ sexual sins. (v. 14, cf. Num. 22-25; 31:15-16).
  
  - b. The doctrine of the Nicolaitans: Although we do not know exactly what the doctrine was, it probably was a gnostic cult developed by Nicolaus which advocated licentiousness and a return to religious \_\_\_\_\_, thus promoting \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ compromise. (v. 15, cf. 2:6)

6. If they refused to repent (change their minds) and deal with the compromisers, then Christ would come \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ with them, using the sword of His mouth in judgment. (v. 16)

7. As in the messages to the other churches, the final exhortation is to \_\_\_\_\_, for those \_\_\_\_\_ to hear what the Spirit has to say to them. (v. 17)

8. Those faithful against compromise will be given a reward that includes three symbols...

a. *“the hidden manna”*

b. *“a white stone and on the stone a new name written”*

\* What is worldliness?

9. As believers, God does not want us to be conformed to this world.

a. To be “\_\_\_\_\_ *to this world*” (Rom. 12:1-2) means to be \_\_\_\_\_ according to its mold or \_\_\_\_\_. (1 Pet. 1:13-14)

b. According to God’s Word, this age or world system is \_\_\_\_\_. (Gal. 1:3-4)

c. This world has its own \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. (1 Cor. 1:20-21; 2:6-8; 3:18-20)

c. According to God’s Word, the believer has \_\_\_\_\_ the world by \_\_\_\_\_. (1 John 5:4-5)