

- Pergamum: You've Got Mail

Revelation 2:12-17

"To the angel of the church in Pergamum write: These are the words of him who has the sharp, double-edged sword. ¹³I know where you live—where Satan has his throne. Yet you remain true to my name. You did not renounce your faith in me, even in the days of Antipas, my faithful witness, who was put to death in your city—where Satan lives. ¹⁴Nevertheless, I have a few things against you: You have people there who hold to the teaching of Balaam, who taught Balak to entice the Israelites to sin by eating food sacrificed to idols and by committing sexual immorality. ¹⁵Likewise you also have those who hold to the teaching of the Nicolaitans. ¹⁶Repent therefore! Otherwise, I will soon come to you and will fight against them with the sword of my mouth. ¹⁷He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes, I will give some of the hidden manna. I will also give him a white stone with a new name written on it, known only to him who receives it.

I. A Closer Look at Pergamum

- Christ is reminding the church that he has: "_____ of the _____".
- Failure to surrender to the _____ of Christ will ultimately bring the _____ of Christ.
- God doesn't want to change our _____ as much as he wants to change our _____.
- _____ is in charge of all that has not been _____ to Christ.

2 Corinthians 4:4

My conscience is clear, but that does not make me innocent. It is the Lord who judges me.

- _____ and _____ is Satan's greatest weapon for advancing his kingdom.
- _____ void of Compassionate _____ results in no kingdom influence.
- Compromise is an _____ of the _____.
- _____ is Satan's goal of defeating the church.
- Compromise can't be tolerated because it saps the church of its _____.

James 4:4

You adulterous people, don't you know that friendship with the world is hatred toward God? Anyone who chooses to be a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God.

- Church _____ is the most compassionate action a church can take when dealing with compromise.

Matthew 18:15-17

If your brother sins against you,^[a] go and show him his fault, just between the two of you. If he listens to you, you have won your brother over. ¹⁶But if he will not listen, take one or two others along, so that 'every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.'^[b] ¹⁷If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if he refuses to listen even to the church, treat him as you would a pagan or a tax collector.

- Tolerating sinful behavior is not a _____ but a _____.

1 Corinthians 5:6-7

Your boasting is not good. Don't you know that a little yeast works through the whole batch of dough? ⁷Get rid of the old

yeast that you may be a new batch without yeast—as you really are. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed.

- _____ is the cure for tolerance.

2 Timothy 2:24-26

And the Lord's servant must not quarrel; instead, he must be kind to everyone, able to teach, not resentful. ²⁵Those who oppose him he must gently instruct, in the hope that God will grant them repentance leading them to a knowledge of the truth, ²⁶and that they will come to their senses and escape from the trap of the devil, who has taken them captive to do his will.

- Compromise is lack of _____ in the _____ of God.

Ephesians 1:3

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ.

Gods Promises to the Church

1. Hidden Manna: The _____ and _____ of knowing Christ.

John 6:48-51

I am the bread of life. ⁴⁹Your forefathers ate the manna in the desert, yet they died. ⁵⁰But here is the bread that comes down from heaven, which a man may eat and not die. ⁵¹I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. This bread is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world."

2. White Stone: _____, _____,

Romans 8:33

Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies.

1 John 5:4F

For everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith.

John 15:15

I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you.

3. New Name: new _____ in Christ.

2 Corinthians 5:17

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!

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