

The Compromising Church at Pergamum

Revelation 2:12-17

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A. The Head of the Church in Pergamum

1. He judges His church	Rev. 2:12; Rev. 1:16; Rev. 19:15
2. He judges by His Word	Rev. 2:12; Hebrews 4:12
3. He protects by His Word	Ps. 119:9, 24, 76, 98, 114; Eph. 6:17

B. His commendations to the church at Pergamum

1. Perseverance for Christ's Name	Rev. 2:13b; Acts 4:8-12
2. Perseverance for Christ's faith	Rev. 2:13c; Acts 4:13-20

C. His condemnations to the church at Pergamum

1. Tolerance of false teaching

- Teaching of Balaam	Revelation 2:14
- Teaching of the Nicolaitans	Revelation 2:15

2. Lack of discernment

- Satan's presence	Rev. 2:13, John 12:31; 2 Cor. 4:3-4
- Satan's activity	Rev. 2:13

D. His warnings to the church at Pergamum

1. His warfare against false teachers	Rev. 2:16
2. His correction of passive believers	Rev. 2:16

E. His rewards to the overcomers in Pergamum

1. White manna	Rev. 2:17
- The Word of God	Matthew 4:4
- The Lord Jesus	John 6:48-51; Col. 3:1-4
2. White stone	Rev. 2:17
3. New name	Rev. 2:17; Rev. 3:12

LESSONS LEARNED FROM THE COMPROMISING CHURCH

1. Be on guard against a compromising life.
2. Elect discerning leaders who fear God more than people.
3. We must endure suffering for truth.
4. Study to know the wiles and methods of Satan.
5. Keep our eyes on the prize – fellowship with Christ in heaven.