

Message Notes & Thoughts

Passage: Revelation 2:12-17

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Letters -The Church at Pergamum

Message Outline ...

Pergamum v. 12

- *Vast Library

- *Emperor Worship

- *Wealthy/Affluent/Wildly Political

Description of Jesus v. 12

- *Two-Edged Sword, compare: Hebrews 4:12

Worship of State - v. 13

***There is no room for moral compromise in the life of a follower of Christ and in the church of Christ.**

- * Illustration of Balak

***You cannot have it all, but the truth is, you can have all of Jesus and He will be more than enough.**

***There is no room for a compromise on truth in the life of a believer and in the life of a church.**

The reward of one who conquers:

- *Hidden Manna

- *New Name

Questions for Growth ...

* What was Pergamum known for? What pressures would Christ followers and the church have faced there with all of the pagan worship that was being conducted? What kinds of pressures do we face in our secular society?

* Read Hebrews 4:12. How does the verse describe the Word of God and what benefit is there for the believer in Christ as it is described?

* To be holy means to be 'set apart.' The church at Pergamum faced so much cultic worship and with it the social pressure to be like everyone else (like we do) - how can one live a holy life before others in such a cultural setting?

* How did this church in Pergamum mirror the circumstances of Numbers 25-26? Why do we tolerate moral compromise in our lives? What compromise do we need to repent of?

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