

Pergamos – Legitimate Yet Lame

Revelation 2:12-17

Introduction: The third church to receive a message from the risen Christ was Pergamos, a church which settled for compromise rather than face confrontation with the Roman Empire.

A. Christ's Appearance to the Church

Christ is pictured as One Who has a sharp two-edged sword.

B. Characteristics of the City

Pergamos means *mixed marriage*. The historical city was the citadel of Satanic worship in the ancient world.

C. Characteristics of the Church

The church encouraged compromise! It can be compared both with ancient Israel in the wilderness and with modern Israel that became scattered throughout the nations. Prophetically this church represents the State Church from 312 AD to 590 AD.

D. Compliment to the Church

The Church of Pergamos is complimented for its holding fast to God's Name and not denying the faith.

E. Complaint to the Church

Jesus issues a stinging complaint because of two errors of the church. The church tolerated teachers who taught the doctrine of Balaam and the doctrine of Nicolaitan.

F. Counsel to the Church

Christ counsels the church to repent from both apostasy and heresy.

G. Covenant with the Church

Christ promises to give hidden manna and a white stone with a new name to those who overcome.



Faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the Word of God – Romans 10:17