

“Pergamum- Acting Like the World” 8/12/18

Revelation 2:12-17

Sermon Series- “Jesus’ Message to the Seven Churches of Revelation”

Economic – City of decent wealth, but not as eminent as Ephesus or Smyrna

Political – Historical greatness and first Capital City of Asia in Roman period.

Religious – Zeus, Dionysus, Asklepios, Caesar Worship.

A. The letter to the church contains the **CORRESPONDENT’S TITLE**
(Rev 1:16; Hebrews 4:12-13; the sword, the two-edged one, the sharp one)

B. The letter to the church contains Jesus’ **COMMENDATION**
He knows their works:

- 1) **THEIR DWELLING-** permanent dwelling (John 17:15; Phil 3:20)
- 2) **HOLD FAST TO HIS NAME-** they testified about Jesus (Matt 28:20)
- 3) **DID NOT DENY HIS FAITH-** Jesus’ one way of Salv. (John 14:6)

C. The letter to the church contains Jesus’ **CRITICISM**

- 1) They welcomed the false teachers and example of Balaam
(Numbers 22-25; 31:16; 25:1-2)

“Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.” 1 John 2:15 World has different standard. Self.

- 2) They welcomed the false teachers of the Nicolaitians.

D. The letter to the church contains Jesus’ **COUNSEL**

- 1) **REPENT-** means to **Recognize** what sin is, **Confess** that Sin, **Change** our Mind, and **Turn** from that sin. 16 out 28 in NT is Jesus’ call.

“Godly sorrow brings repentance that leads to salvation and leaves no regret, but worldly sorrow brings death”. 2 Corinthians 7:10 NIV

E. The letter to the church contains Jesus’ **CLOSURE**

(Promises to the Overcomer: Hidden Manna, White Stone, New Name!)

“Who is he who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?” 1 John 5:5

Going Deeper God wants you to be a faithful witness where you dwell and to continue to be separate from the ways of the world!

Our Vision- Striving to be Disciples who make Disciples