

Week #3 - To the Church in Pergamum



“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, not 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: There are some among you who hold to the teaching of Balaam, who taught Balak to entice the Israelites to sin so that they ate food sacrificed to idols and committed 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.

¹⁷Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To the one who is victorious, I will give some of the hidden manna. I will also give that person a white stone with a new name written on it, known only to the one who receives it.

I. You live in a difficult place to be faithful – where Satan has his throne

- Does L.A. remind you of Pergamum?

II. You remain did not renounce your faith – even under pressure and seeing one of your own executed

III. Some among you who hold to the teaching of Balaam, who taught Balak to entice the Israelites to sin so that they ate food sacrificed to idols and committed sexual immorality

- Put a curse on Israel

IV. Likewise, you also have those who hold to the teaching of the Nicolaitans.

- Salvation freed them from the laws to practice immorality

V. Get your house in order, or I will fight against you

Each **INDIVIDUAL** in the church – if you do what is right, I will give you some of the hidden manna. I will also give that person a white stone with a new name written on it, known only to the one who receives it.

- A. The problem is inside the church, but if any One does was is right, they will be rewarded.
- B. Keep yourself straight and try to lead your church back, don't just cut and run.