

DEAR CHURCH, A Letter from Jesus: Pergamum (Revelation 2:12-17)

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Revelations 2:12-17, 12 “To the angel of the church in Pergamum write:

These are the words of him who has the sharp, double-edged sword. 13 I 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.

14 *Nevertheless, 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. 15 Likewise, you also have those who hold to the teaching of the Nicolaitans. 16 Repent therefore! Otherwise, I will soon come to you and will fight against them with the sword of my mouth.*

17 *Whoever 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.*

“The devil is a better theologian than any of us and is a devil still.” — A.W. Tozer

The Enemy doesn’t need you to deny Jesus outright, He just needs to get you to compromise.

Question: Where in your life have you started telling yourself...“that’s not that big of a deal?”

“If you’re not seeking to Lord, the devil is seeking you.” — Charles Spurgeon

If you won’t stand firm in a shifting culture, Then the Culture will shift you away from Christ.

1 Corinthians 15:58, “Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you.”

If you don’t anchor to Christ, culture will carry you away.

Hope is freely given, but only to those who listen to the spirit of the living God.

Matthew 11:29, “Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.”

What you tolerate will eventually dominate you—but what you stand firm in will define you.

Practical Application: What can we do today?

- **Identify your compromise:** Ask yourself honestly—where in my life have I told myself ‘it’s not that big of a deal’? Write it down.
- **Anchor yourself in truth:** Pick one promise or passage from Scripture that speaks to your life right now. Memorize it, meditate on it, or set it as a daily reminder.
- **Listen to the Spirit:** Take 5–10 minutes today to pray, reflect, or journal and ask God, ‘Where are you guiding me? What do I need to hear?’ Commit to obey one small step today."