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The Compromising Church

Revelation 2:12-17

I. The Setting / Speaker (v. 12)

A. The city

B. The church (Acts 16:7-8; 19:10)

C. The _____ of Christ emphasized (Rev. 19:11-16;
Heb. 4:12-13)

II. The Strengths (v. 13)

A. Holding _____ to the name of Christ (Matt. 4:1-11; Deut. 10:20;
Heb. 10:23)

B. Holding _____ to the faith (1 Thes. 5:21-23; Jms. 4:7)

C. Being _____ even unto death (Heb. 12:1-2)

III. The Sin / Suffering (vv. 14-15)

A. But I have this _____ you (Gal. 5:9; 1 Cor. 15:33)

B. The teaching of _____ (v. 14) [Num. 22-25]

C. The teaching of the _____ (v. 15) [Rev. 2:6; Acts 6:5;
1 Jn. 2:15-16; 5:21; 1 Pet. 4:17]

IV. The Solution (v. 16)

A. _____ of your sin (1 John 1:9; Isa. 1:18)

B. _____ the consequences (Rom. 1:28-32)

V. The Summation (v. 17)

A. The final counsel

B. The faithful over-comer (Jms. 1:22)

C. The forever promise

1. The hidden _____ (Ex. 16:33; Jn. 6:51)

2. A white _____ (1 Cor. 9:24-27)

3. A new _____ (Rev. 14:3; 19:12)

TAKE HOME

- In what area of your life do you struggle the most with the sin of compromise?
- How can we keep the teaching of Balaam from coming into our church or coming into our lives?
- How should we treat others when they do repent, even if what they did was hurtful to you?

STUDY QUESTIONS

James 1:22 says, *“But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.”* These questions are designed to help you apply today’s message to your life. We encourage you to thoughtfully answer these questions and discuss your answers with others. For more information about joining a small group that uses these questions as the basis for discussion, prayer, and accountability, please visit our website at placeritachurch.com.

1. Read Revelation 2:12. What did we learn about the city of Pergamum? What did we learn about the church? Do you see any similarities between the church of Pergamum and Placerita?

2. How does the characteristic of Christ as “The One who has the sharp two-edged sword” encourage you? How does it scare you? How will it change you?

3. Read Revelation 2:13. What strengths of the church of Pergamum do we see in this verse? How does this verse challenge you and our church today?

4. Read Revelation 2:14-15. What did the Lord Jesus have against the church of Pergamum? Do you see any of these same things in our church today? How about in your heart today?

5. Read Revelation 2:16. What is the solution to the problem? How is this possible? What happens if Pergamum doesn’t repent? Would the same thing happen to us today?

6. Read Revelation 2:17. What is this verse all about? Briefly discuss the hidden manna, the white stone, and a new name and talk about how these promises encourage you today.

7. Which one of the take home questions encourages you or challenges you the most? Why? How will you live differently this week based on what you learned from this passage?

“It is not the importance of the thing, but the majesty of the Lawgiver, that is to be the standard of obedience.”

- Andrew Bonar