

Today's Theme

“Pergamum Hurt By World”

Series Title

“The Future - From Jesus”

Church 1 Ephesus:

We must *know* of Gods love - To love Him back!

Church 2 Smyrna:

They were *rich* - Because they knew their *future*!

1. Jesus turns his *focus* to Pergamum.

(1) So what *about* Pergamum?

Rev 2:12 “To the angel of the church in Pergamum

1. Not a *port* city but 15 miles inland.
2. 100 miles North of Ephesus.
3. Considered Asia's *greatest* city.
4. Pergamum *survives* today as Bergama.
5. It was a city built on a *hill*.
6. The *first* to write on *animal* skins.

(2) Jesus claims these words are *His*.

Rev 2:12 These are the words of him . . .

(3) Sword is about *judgment* based on *truth*.

Rev 2:12 who has the sharp, double-edged sword.

2. Jesus *commends* the folks at Pergamum.

(1) They *chose* to follow & stand *strong*.

Rev 2:13 I know where you live—where Satan has his throne. Yet you remain true to my name.

(2) They didn't *walk* away when life got *difficult*.

Rev 2:13 You did not renounce your faith in me,

(3) They didn't *cave-in* to stay *safe*.

Rev 2:13 not even in the days of Antipas, my faithful witness, who was put to death in your city—where Satan lives.

3. Jesus *points* out their *failures*.

Rev 2:14 Nevertheless, I have a few things against you

(1) Balaam brought on a *corrupting* influence.

Rev 2:14 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.

(2) Nicolaitans had *made* immorality *acceptable*.

Rev 2:15 Likewise, you also have those who hold to the teaching of the Nicolaitans.

(3) Ultimately they *compromised* with the world.

1. They were *corrupted* by *false* teaching.
2. They *chose* the worlds way over Jesus.

4. Jesus gives the compromisers *counsel*.

(1) *Change* your ways and do it now.

Rev 2:16 Repent therefore!

(2) Otherwise we *end* up with Jesus *against* us.

Rev 2:16 . . . Otherwise, I will soon come to you and will fight against them with the sword of my mouth.

(3) Be sure to *listen* to *truth* from God.

Rev 2:17 Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches.

(4) Hidden manna is *spiritual* truth Jesus *gives*.

Rev 2:17 To the one who is victorious, I will give some of the hidden manna.

(5) White stone is our *assurance* of *eternity*.

5ev 2:17 I will also give that person a white stone with a new name written on it, known only to the one who receives it.

Church 3 Pergamum:

Some stood *strong* - Hidden *manna* & *assurance*!
Some went the *worlds* way - They listened to *evil*!