



Sermon Series: Revelation - Jesus Revealed
Sermon Title: Pergamum: Rotting from the Inside Out
Scripture: Revelation 2:12-17
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The City of Pergamum

- Beautiful, mountainside capital of Roman region of Asia.
- First Asian city to build a temple dedicated to the worship of a living Roman emperor.
- Site of the altar of Zeus (Altar of Pergamum).

The Letter to the Church in Pergamum

1. Christ's **Self-Revelation** as the Supreme Authority & Ruler. (v. 12)

2. Christ's **Intimate** Knowledge of His Church. (v. 13)

Scriptures: 1 Corinthians 8:3; Nahum 1:7; 2 Timothy 2:19; Hebrews 4:15-16

What did Jesus know?

- Their **circumstances**
- Their **faith** in Christ
- Their beloved **martyr**

3. Christ's Concerning Rebuke of Heresies **Tolerated**. (v. 14-15)

Scriptures: Numbers 22-25; 31:16; 2 Peter 2:15-16; 1 John 2:15-17, 24-25

4. Christ's Urgent Call to Repent & **Wage War**. (v. 16)

Scriptures: Hebrews 4:12-13; 2 Timothy 3:16-17; 2 Corinthians 10:5

5. Christ's eternal **promises** to the "one who conquers" (v. 17)

- **Hidden Manna**...Eternal **life** in Christ. (*John 6:32-35*)
- **A White Stone**...Eternal **acquittal** through Christ. (*Romans 5:19; 8:1*)
- **A New, Secret Name**...Eternal **delight** of Christ. (*Revelation 20:15; 21:27; 22:19*)

Questions for Further Study, Reflection, and Application...

1. Why might Pergamum have been such a difficult place to live as a Christian?
2. What does Christ's self-revelation communicate about Him? How does this comfort and encourage you to live in the midst of our present culture?
3. How does the reality of Christ's knowledge of you and your circumstances help you "hold fast" to Jesus?
4. What heresies were allowed to be taught in the church in Pergamum? Why is this so dangerous?
5. How might we need to repent and wage war within the church today? In what manner are we to wage war?
6. How are Christ's promises to the "one who conquers" (v. 17) especially meaningful to you?