

THE CHURCH AT PERGAMUM

Revelation 2:12-17

What do you suppose “the sharp, double-edged sword” means?

What obstacle is the church at Pergamum facing?

The ancient capital of Asia was an official center of emperor worship.

What are the commendable actions demonstrated by the church? (13)

How is the faithfulness of the church all the more commendable?

- Antipas was the first martyr in Asia.
- Antipas was called “faithful witness”—a description of Jesus in Rev. 1:5.

What are the regrettable behaviors?

- The opposition of Nicolaitans has infected the Pergamum congregation.
- They were teachers who compromised worship to include idols.
- They okayed sexual immorality as acceptable.

What are the challenges God presents to the church?

Repent. (If the church does not repent, God will come to fight with His sword.)

What do you suppose is the “sword of my mouth”?

Why not let God come and take care of the problem?

Listen to the Spirit.

How does the Spirit speak to congregations?

Who is supposed to listen; who has an ear?

What are the promises to the overcomers?

- Manna;
- A white stone with a new name on it.

What do you suppose the meaning of the white stone and new name?