

The Tolerant Church – Pergamos

Revelation 2:12-17

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When Jesus comes to Church:

1. He examines our **congregation** (2:12)
 - a. He **works** through his ministers – “to the angel of the Church”
 - b. He ministers through his **word** – “He has the sharp two edged sword”
- [Re 1:16](#) He had in His right hand seven stars, out of His mouth went a sharp two-edged sword
- [Heb 4:12](#) For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.
- [Eph 6:17](#) And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God;
2. He gives his **commendation** (2:13)
 - a. He knows **what we do** – “I know thy works”
 - b. He knows **where we live** – “Where Satan’s throne is, Where Satan dwells.” (2 Cor 4:4; Eph 2:2)
 - c. He knows **what we believe** – “My name, My faith”
 - d. He knows **what we endure** – “Antipas, my faithful martyr”
3. He does precise **confrontation** (2:14-16)
 - a. He won’t tolerate **our tolerance** – “you have there those that hold to the doctrine”
 - b. He won’t tolerate **loose teaching** – “Balaam, who taught” (Nu 22-25)

- c. He won't **hesitate** to fight against "them" – "I will come to you quickly and will fight against them"
- 4. He gives a promise of **consolation** (2:17)
 - a. His appeal is personal – "He who has an ear"
 - b. His promises are personal – "To him who overcomes."
 - i. a personal **supply** – hidden Manna
 - ii. a personal **pardon** – a white stone
 - iii. a personal **change** – a New name

Lessons from Pergamos

God **reviews** his church

God **requires** holiness

God **rewards** faithfulness

Now we have heard the Sermon – but do we get the message?