



Revelation

GOD'S MESSAGE TO THE SEVEN CHURCHES

Key verse for this section

Heb 10:23-25 Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;) ²⁴ And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: ²⁵ Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.

“he which hath the sharp sword with two edges”

The sword symbolizes the Word of God's ability to:

1. Separate believers from the world
2. Condemn the world of sin

The Church at Pergamos

the compromising church

Pergamos was a wicked city with rampant idol worship; adverse to any effective Christian life and testimony

The Church at Pergamos

the compromising church

Christ's Commendation

→ Held fast to His name

The Church at Pergamos

the compromising church

Christ's Rebuke

1. Tolerated the doctrine of Balaam
Lack of separation – Intermarriage with
heathen – Adopting worldly ways – Idol worship

“We cannot become friends with the world and expect to remain separate. We will become like them”

The Church at Pergamos

the compromising church

Christ's Rebuke

2. Tolerated the doctrine of Nicolaitans
Grace without obedience

Rom 6:15 What then? shall we sin, because we are not under the law, but under grace? God forbid.

The Church at Pergamos

the compromising church

Christ's Exhortation

REPENT

The Church at Pergamos

the compromising church

Christ's Promise

1. Overcomers will eat of the hidden manna
A possible reference to Jesus Himself

Jhn 6:35 I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger

The Church at Pergamos

the compromising church

Christ's Promise

2. To receive a stone with a new name

The old man does not enter into the kingdom of God

2Co 5:17 Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

The Church at Thyatira

the corrupt church

The reference to His eyes being “like blazing fire” and the brilliant reflections of His feet emphasize the indignation and righteous judgment of Christ.

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Christ's Commendation

→ Charity

→ Faith

→ Service

→ Perseverance

...their works tended toward a deeper devotion to Christ...

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Christ's Rebuke

Tolerating Jezebel

- She promoted fornication and idol worship
- Her presence affected the testimony of the church

Gal 5:9 A little leaven leaveneth the whole lump.

The Church at Thyatira

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Christ's Rebuke

“God is patient and longsuffering, but even those traits of God have their limitations”

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Christ's Exhortation

REPENT

or else face the judgment of God

Christ will not tolerate flagrant and
rebellious sin in His church

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Christ's Exhortation

For the godly remnant to remain
F A I T H F U L
(a recurring theme throughout
Revelation)

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Christ's Promise

The faithful will join Christ in His
millennial rule

Christ will award differing levels of leadership based upon
a person's faithfulness

The parable of the talents (Mat 25:14-30)