

Seven Churches Of Asia Series:

Pergamos The Compromising Church

Rev. 2:12-17

Introduction:

- A. Pergamos:
 - 1. 100 miles from Ephesus; 50 miles from Smyra.
 - 2. "Where Satan's Throne is" (v. 13)
 - a. Seat of Emperor Worship.
 - b. Altar of Jupiter.
 - c. Temple of Esculapius, the healing god, worshiped in form of serpent.
- B. Let us notice the various parts of this letter:

Discussion:

I. The Description of Christ In This Letter (vv. 12,13)

- A. Has sharp two-edged sword.
 - 1. Word of God. (Rev. 1:16; 2:16; Heb. 4:12)
 - 2. Scriptures important to Christ. (Matt. 4:4,7,10).
 - 3. Pricks the heart. (Acts 2:37; 7:54).
- B. "I know." (Knew difficulties of environment).

II. The Condition Of The Church At Pergamos.

- A. Her good points:
 - 1. Faithful in spirit being where Satan's throne was.
 - a. Satan a real personality.
 - b. Sows tares. (Mt. 13:24-30).
 - c. Steals word. (Lk. 8:12)
 - d. Transforms self into angel of light. (2 Cor. 11:13-15)
 - 2. Held fast Lord's Name.
 - 3. Did not deny Lord's faith.
 - a. Not even in face of death of Antipas.
 - b. There is one faith. (Eph. 4:5)
 - c. Must contend for it. (Jude 3)
- B. Her bad points. (vv. 14,15)
 - 1. Some with Doctrine of Balaam. (Num. 22-25; 31:8,15,16).
 - 2. Some held doctrine of Nicolaitans. (cf. 2:6)
 - 3. Should not fellowship false doctrines. (Col. 2:21,22; 2 John 10,11).

III. The Advice To The Church At Pergamos.

- A. Repent or else. (v.16).
- B. Overcome.
 - 1. Eat of Hidden Manna.
 - 2. A stone with new name.
 - a. Already given one new Name. (Acts 11:26).
 - b. Will be given another over there.
 - c. New name=a new start.

Conclusion:

- 1. Church with much good can be too tolerant of false teachers.
- 2. Let's overcome and receive new name.