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).
   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.