

Church of Pergamum

Revelation 2:12-17

UNITED
CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Introduction

- Church of Pergamum was living in very difficult circumstances but it remained true to Christ and did not renounce its faith during persecution. Christ rebuked this church for compromising their faith with the teachings of Balaam and Nicolaitans.
- He counsel them to repent and overcome.
- Those who overcome, He will reward them with the hidden Manna and white stone.

History of Pergamum

- In church history it covers the period of approximately A.D 314 to A.D 590.
- From Smyrna it is about 75 miles away.
- It was a capital of kingdom of Pergamum.

History of Pergamum

- It was known for its healing spas.
- City was built on the top of the mountain.
- It had one of the greatest libraries which had over 200,000 volumes.
- It was known for a temple of Athene which was 800 feet tall.

Description of the Lord.

- These are the words of him who has the sharp, double-edged sword.
- Sword is the symbol for the Word of God and judgment. Eph 6:17 and Heb 4:12
- Christ will judge with His word.

Commendation of the Church.

- It was a living in very difficult circumstances. Satan's throne was in this city.
- It held on to it's convictions.
- Church was commended for it's courage.
- During this church history period, church was able to defeat Arian heresy in the council of Nicea in A.D 325.

Condemnation of Christ.

- Christ rebuke this church for compromising with the teachings of Balaam and Nicolaitans.
- Balaam enticed Israel to idolatry, intermarriage and fornication.
- Nicolaitans teaching was separation of layman and laity.

Condemnation of Christ.

- Christianity became a state religion during this time.
- Roman emperor Constantine adopted Christian faith after his vision of the cross in A.D 312.
- Church brought many pagan practices in the Christian church.

Counsel to the Church

- Christ counsel the church to repent and overcome the teaching of Balaam and Nicolaitans.
- If they do not repent, He will judge them.

Reward to the over comers

- Those who overcome will receive hidden Manna and white stone with the name written on it.
- Hidden manna is God's word. It is also heavenly food.
- White stone is stone of victory and a special prize for the over comers.

CONCLUSION

- We live in a world where Satan is a king. He is called the prince of this world.
- Like church of Pergamum, we are also living in unholy world.
- We should live with our biblical conviction.

CONCLUSION

- We should also live with courage.
- We should not compromise with the world system.
- Compromise leads to corruption and corruption leads to collapse.
- Illustration of King Solomon.