



THE 7 CHURCHES OF REVELATION - Part 3 of 7

What Jesus Says To A Confused Church?

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“To the angel of the church at Pergamum write ‘These are the words of Him who has the sharp double-edged sword. I know where you live. Where Satan has his throne. Yet you remain true to My name. You do not renounce your faith in Me even in the days of Antipas my faithful witness who was put to death in your city where Satan lives. Nevertheless I have a few things against you. You have people there who hold to the teachings of Balaam who taught Balak to sin by eating food sacrificed to idols and by committing sexual immorality. Likewise you have those who hold to the teachings of the Nicolaitans. Repent therefore. Otherwise I will come to you and will fight against them with the sword of My mouth. He who has an ear let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes I will give some of the hidden manna. I will always give them a white stone with a new name written on it, a name known only to him who receives it.’”

Revelation 2:12-17

How Do You Clear Up the Confusion?

1. RESPECT THE AUTHORITY OF **GOD’S WORD**

“In his right hand he held seven stars, and out of his mouth came a sharp double-edged sword. His face was like the sun shining in all its brilliance.” Rev 1:16 (NIV)

“Accept God’s salvation as your helmet, and take the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.” Eph. 6:17 (NCV)

“For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.” Heb. 4:12 (NIV)

2. RECOGNIZE THE DANGER OF A **LIE**

Past actions of faith cannot protect you from the power of a lie.

Satan’s throne warns us of the **popular** lie

The Balaamites warn us of the **pleasure** lie.

The Nicolaitans warn us of the **personality-centered** lie.

All three warn us that lies make their ways into our lives through **relationships**.

3. REPENT OF THE SIN OF **ENCOURAGING FALSE TEACHING**

“Anyone who has a different teaching does not agree with the true teaching of our Lord Jesus Christ and the teaching that shows the true way to serve God. This person is full of pride and understands nothing, but is sick with a love for arguing and fighting about words. This brings jealousy, fighting, speaking against others, evil mistrust, and constant quarrels...” 1 Tim 6:5 (NCV)

“But avoid foolish controversies and genealogies and arguments and quarrels about the law, because these are unprofitable and useless. Warn a divisive person once, and then warn him a second time. After that, have nothing to do with him.” Titus 3:9-10 (NIV)

4. REJOICE IN YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH CHRIST

PERGAMUM

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Recognize that your doubts grow out of your relationships.