



Sermon Guide Questions

"Where Satan Lives"

Revelation 2:12-17 (*Pergamum*)

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Questions:

1. What pressures are the Christians in Pergamum facing (vv 13-15)?
2. According to Jesus, where does the church in Pergamum live or dwell (v 13)? What do you imagine this means?
3. For what does Jesus commend this church (v 13) – where are these Christians strong?
4. For what does Jesus rebuke this church (vv 14-15) – what are some of these Christians holding onto?
5. Why is the title by which Jesus reveals himself so appropriate to these Christians (v 12 & 16)? What is the significance of the "sword" (see Hebrews 4:12)?
6. What is the significance of the "manna" [nourishment from heaven]? Please read Exodus 16:33-34 and Psalm 78:24. What is the significance of "white [the color symbolizing victory and joy] stone with a new name?" Please read Isaiah 62:2.

Practical application:

7. Which do you think is easier to endure: Persecution by enemies, or seductions in culture? Why?
8. What's been your experience in how the Word of God has proven helpful in persevering amidst either direct or subtle opposition in your Christian life?