

Biblically Solid but Morally Weak

Revelation 2:12-17

Background to the City of Pergamum:

The **description of Christ** in verse twelve: **Warring Lord**. (12)

1. **REMAIN steadfast and faithful as you live out your Christian life in this fallen world.** 13

Three positive encouragements from Jesus:

- ⇒ I know the pagan world where you LIVE. 13a
Satan's throne...Satan dwells
2 Corinthians 4:4, 1 John 5:19, John 14:30
- ⇒ I know your resistance to the lures of this world. 13b
...hold fast My name
1 John 2:15-17
- ⇒ I know your endurance under persecution. 13c
...did not deny My faith

2. **REJECT false teaching, cultural capitulation and moral compromise**. 14-15

One negative warning from Jesus:

- ⇒ The false teaching of Balaam and the Nicolaitans had crept into the local church. Numbers 22-25, esp.25:1-9
- ⇒ Resisting syncretism in our lives and churches.

3. **REPENT when we have fallen away from the Lord and His kingdom**. 16

- ⇒ Regular repentance should be our daily practice.
- ⇒ Divine judgment will be the Lord's intervention.

The twofold **promise of Christ** in verse seventeen: (17)

- a. Hidden manna = spiritual food
- b. White stone = admission and/or acquittal.