

**THINKING BIBLICALLY ABOUT THE HOLY SPIRIT**  
**Revelation 2:12-17**

**I. The Location of the Church-Pergamos (Pergamum) 2:12-17**

- A. Pergamum was located about \_\_\_\_\_ miles north of Smyrna and about fifteen miles from the sea
- B. Pergamum had a fine university library and was the place where \_\_\_\_\_ was first used.
- C. The city was chiefly noted as the \_\_\_\_\_ center of the province of Asia.
  - 1. It was the center of four of the great \_\_\_\_\_ cults honoring Zeus, Athena, Dionysus, and Asclerius.
  - 2. Each of these deities had a beautiful temple.
- D. The pagan temples and idolatry undoubtedly led John to refer to the city as the place "where Satan's throne is located" (2:13).

**II. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ to this Church 2:12**

- A. The Lord is pictured as having a two-edged sword (cf. 1:16).
- B. This sword is seen in \_\_\_\_\_ use later (19:15, 21; cf. also Isa. 49:2; Heb. 4:12).
- C. The sword is related to the Lord's impending \_\_\_\_\_ to the church (2:16).

**III. Christ's \_\_\_\_\_ to this Church 2:13**

- A. The Lord praised the believers in Pergamum for having \_\_\_\_\_ the faith.
  - 1. Antipas is described as being a "faithful martyr,"-"Antipas, my faithful witness, was martyred among you by Satan's followers." *NLT*
  - 2. This is an attribute Antipas \_\_\_\_\_ with Christ (1:5).
- B. Satan's work and throne are seen throughout Revelation 2 (2:9, 10, 13, 24; 3:9)

**IV. The \_\_\_\_\_ Christ noted in this Church 2:14-16**

- A. The Lord pointed out to them that they had \_\_\_\_\_ immoral teachings to come into their lives and church.
- B. The teachings were not a body of doctrine but a manner of \_\_\_\_\_ as described by the last part of 2:14.
- C. The behavior of the church is connected to the Old Testament character of \_\_\_\_\_ (2:14)
  - 1. They were eating food \_\_\_\_\_ idols in the temples; and
  - 2. They were engaged in \_\_\_\_\_ immorality as pagan worship.
    - a. Balaam lead the Israelites into immoral activity Num. 25:1-5 and Num. 31:16.
    - b. The Church at Pergamum was involved in \_\_\_\_\_ of false gods, which involved immoral sexual practices.
  - 3. Revelation 2:15 links the above sin to the teachings of the Nicolaitans, thus shedding light on the teachings of this basically unknown group.
  - 4. The root of the problem with the Church of Pergamum was that they were \_\_\_\_\_ to the ungodly activities of the surrounding society.
  - 5. "Come" (2:16) refers to Christ's \_\_\_\_\_ coming (cf. 3:11; 22:7, 12, 20).
- D. Christ \_\_\_\_\_ charged the church to repent or else He would come in judgment upon the compromisers using the Sword of His mouth-the \_\_\_\_\_ of God.

**V. The Exhortation of the Holy Spirit 2:17**

- A. Again the admonition to the \_\_\_\_\_, "Anyone who is willing to hear should listen to the Spirit and understand what the Spirit is saying to the churches." *NLT*
- B. The "\_\_\_\_\_ " person is promised three things.
  - 1. The "manna that has been hidden"

- a. Probably referring to the sufficiency of the person of Christ, the \_\_\_\_\_ of life (cf. John 6:31-35).
  - b. Manna has its roots in the Old Testament.
    1. It was the food by which God \_\_\_\_\_ the Children of Israel during their 40 year wondering in the wilderness.
    2. I was God's way of keeping the Children of Israel alive without their having to \_\_\_\_\_ for their own self.
  - c. Manna is also seen in John 6 where Jesus indicated that he was the bread of life. The "hidden" concept may refer to the manna that was placed in the Ark for a memorial (Exod. 16:32-34; cf. Heb. 9:4).
  - d. The essential contrast in this verse is between God's "hidden manna" and the unclean \_\_\_\_\_ and immorality offered by the false teachers at Pergamum
2. A "white stone" was used in ancient history for \_\_\_\_\_ and signified acquittal or acceptance.
  3. Christ received a "new name" after his \_\_\_\_\_ (Phil. 2:8-11), and believers will also.