

NO MORE COMPROMISE

(The Church of Pergamum)

Revelation 2:12-17

Pergamum (Background)

1. The two-edged sword points us to God's **WORD**, which pierces, discerns, reveals, and judges. (Revelation 1:16; Hebrews 4:12-13; John 1:14; Ephesians 6:17; 2 Timothy 3:16-17)

2. Jesus is fully aware of the power and works of **SATAN** that surround us, and He is for us and beckons us to keep **SHINING!** (Matthew 5:14-16; Ephesians 5:8; 1 Peter 2:9; Philippians 2:15)

The COMMENDATION

3. Holding fast to the name of **JESUS** and keeping **FAITH** in Him is commendable.

The CENSURE

4. Letting the world creep in and **POLLUTE** the church leads to corruption and a slow fade. (Numbers 22-24; 2 Peter 2:15; Jude 1:4,11; Romans 14:1-5; 2 Corinthians 6:14-17; James 4:4; 1 John 2:15-17; Ephesians 5:3, 11-12; John 15:18-19; Romans 12:2; Matthew 6:24; 1 Corinthians 6:9,18; 1 Thessalonians 4:3)

The CHALLENGE

5. If we are in error, God is giving us a clear opportunity to **REPENT** - turn and walk in the opposite direction. (1 John 1:9; 2 Chronicles 30:9; Matthew 3:8; James 4:8; Joel 2:13; Zechariah 1:3; Galatians 6:1; 1 Peter 4:17)

The CONSEQUENCE

6. Negative: Jesus will **FIGHT** against you! (Guess who will win...) (1 Peter 4:17; Jeremiah 50:31; James 4:6; 1 Peter 5:5; Isaiah 2:12; Psalm 119:21; Proverbs 15:25)

7. Positive: Blessings of **OBEDIENCE** are indescribable! (Leviticus 26:3-10; Psalm 1:1-4; Deuteronomy 30:9-10; Isaiah 48:18, 56:5; Luke 5:4,7, 11:28; Psalm 91:14-15; Matthew 15:7-9)



Taking it further to help you **THRIVE**...

THRIVE Groups are where life and growth take place. We don't want to just say "See you next week" as we leave each Sunday - we want to connect!
For more info on joining a THRIVE Group, visit thrivekg.org/thrive-groups.

1. Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?
2. What is the significance of Jesus' words "*I know where you dwell*" (**verse 13**)?
3. In what ways does it appear that 'the world' (compromise) has been allowed into 'the Church'. What damage has this caused?
4. What is the difference between 'letting the world into the church' and engaging the culture and meeting people where they are? What are the dangers of compromise? On the flip side, what are the dangers of legalism?
5. How can we safeguard ourselves, our families, and our church from the influences of godlessness, immorality, false teachings, etc.?
6. During our praise time this morning, one of the songs repeated the phrase, "*I have decided to follow Jesus, no turning back, no turning back.*" Are there areas where you are compromising / straddling the fence / areas where perhaps you *have* turned a bit and are walking in the wrong direction? What areas of you life (mind, heart, actions) do you need to fully surrender to the Lord? (Even if you are not comfortable sharing this with everyone, it might be a good time to pair up with someone...and pray together. As was shared in the message, God is giving us a clear opportunity to turn and walk the other way.)