



TEXT: Revelation 2:12-17

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Parent Commissioning** - We will have our next parent commissioning on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 9th. If you are interested in participating then sign up at redeemerchurch.com/nextsteps.
 - **Serve Rocky Mount** - Jesus loves Rocky Mount and so do we! We are setting aside an entire week on May 16th - 22nd with over 10 projects for our annual Serve Rocky Mount event to show the love of Jesus to our city. Go to ServeRockyMount.com now for more info and to sign up for some projects. The first 100 people get a free shirt!
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BIG IDEA: The Church Must Protect The Gospel

Prayer: Clint Darst - King's Cross

Revelation 2:12-13

- These verses teach us that Jesus knows us and cares about us.
- Even in our darkest times, we know that Jesus is there.

How do you feel knowing that Jesus knows you and cares for you no matter what the circumstances?

Revelation 2:14-15, Romans 6:1-4

- Ultimately, the church of Pergamum is falling to idolatry and immorality.
- They followed syncretism and antinomianism. They added to the gospel saying that you can have Jesus and other gods and also said that because we are free from the law that means we can live however we want.
- When we become Christians we walk away from a life that adds to the gospel but instead we cling only to the gospel.

What are things you often add to the gospel? Specifically, how do you do this?

Revelation 2:16

- We should stop going one way, of protecting our own gods, and instead, protect the gospel by holding fast to gospel truth and gospel living.
- If not, Jesus will go to war and Jesus never loses a fight. He will judge those who never repent because they prove that they never really knew him.

How can we protect the gospel? What should we do when we don't protect the gospel?

Revelation 2:17

- When Jesus talked about the hidden manna he is referencing backwards and forwards in the Bible. Manna is the bread that God provided for his people as they wandered for 40 years in the Exodus.
- In the New Testament, Jesus himself says that He is the bread of life. He is provision on two feet. This hidden manna is the ultimate satisfaction and fulfillment that those who protect the gospel. We can't see now but one day will experience in the marriage supper of the lamb with Jesus.
- Those who repent will receive a white stone. A white stone was used in a lot of different ways in the ancient world. A white stone was used in a legal setting to signify someone's innocence, in comparison to a black stone which showed their guilt.

How can you repent and believe the gospel?