

# to the church of PERGAMOS

“I know your works, and where you dwell, where Satan’s throne is. And you hold fast to My name, and did not deny My faith...But I have a few things against you, because you have there those **who hold the doctrine of Balaam**, who taught Balak to put a stumbling block before the children of Israel, to eat things sacrificed to idols, and to commit sexual immorality. Repent, or else I will come to you quickly and will fight against them with the sword of My mouth.”

To him who overcomes I will give some of the hidden manna to eat. And I will give him a white stone, and on the stone a new name written which no one knows except him who receives it.”

# Why is doctrine important?

Doctrine is the framework of what you believe based on what has been taught to you. It is what you believe in at its core.

# Doctrine of Balaam

Balaam taught that because Israel was the covenant people of God, they can safely indulge in sexual immorality and worshipping other gods and it will not harm them because they are protected by the covenant.

It was a false doctrine that believes sin cannot violate a covenant.

**Sin is  
not an  
accident.**

**Sin is a  
deliberate  
choice.**

# Do you practice the doctrine of Balaam?

This can also be called cheap grace. It is when we have taken advantage of the cross, and believe because Jesus died on the cross for our sins, then we can go on sinning because He will forgive us. This takes advantage of the goodness of God.

For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so also *by one Man's obedience many will be made righteous*. Moreover the law entered that the offense might abound. *But where sin abounded, grace abounded much more*, so that as sin reigned in death, even so grace might reign through righteousness to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? Certainly not!

**ROMANS 5:19-6:2**

JESUS CAME  
TO SET US  
FREE FROM  
SIN