

**“Seven: Hope from Jesus in Revelation”
(Part 4)**

**The Third Letter: Church in Pergamum
Sunday, March 10th, 2019**

Revelation 1:6-8 (NLT)

6He has made us a Kingdom of priests for God his Father. All glory and power to him forever and ever! Amen.

7Look! He comes with the clouds of heaven.

And everyone will see him—

even those who pierced him.

*And all the nations of the world
will mourn for him.*

Yes! Amen!

8“I am the Alpha and the Omega—the beginning and the end,” says the Lord God. “I am the one who is, who always was, and who is still to come—the Almighty One.”

Not only persecution from the outside but also false teaching from within.

REVELATION 2:12-17 (NIV)

12 “To the angel of the church in Pergamum write:

These are the words of him who has the sharp, double-edged sword.

13 I know where you live—where Satan has his throne. Yet you remain true to my name. You did not renounce your faith in me,

not even in the days of Antipas, my faithful witness, who was put to death in your city—where Satan lives.

14 Nevertheless, I have a few things against you: There are some among you who hold to the teaching of Balaam, who taught Balak to entice the Israelites to sin so that they ate food sacrificed to idols and committed sexual immorality. 15 Likewise, you also have those who hold to the teaching of the Nicolaitans. 16 Repent therefore! Otherwise, I will soon come to you and will fight against them with the sword of my mouth.

17 Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To the one who is victorious, I will give some of the hidden manna. I will also give that person a white stone with a new name written on it, known only to the one who receives it.

The art of the Christian life is learning how to stay counter-cultural in the ways that really matter to Jesus.

Hebrews 4:12 (NIV) says, “For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any **double-edged sword**, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.”

Jesus is the only one in charge of life and death.

He knows where you live!

*“Well done, good and **faithful** servant.” (Matthew 25:23)*

Romans 12:2 (The Message) *“Don’t become so well-adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking.”*

Live for an audience of one- for the one who loves you infinitely-
JESUS!

Revelation 1:5-6 (NIV), *“To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, and has made us to be a kingdom and priest to serve his God and Father—to him be glory and power forever and ever! Amen.”*

GOSPEL OF GRACE

What I focus on is what I come to expect. What I believe changes me.

To repent means that God is more interested in you turning back to Him than He is in judging you.

1. Choose whether you’ll be shaped at your deepest level of thinking by your *culture* or by *Christ*.

2. Theology leads to action.

3. One of God's greatest gifts is the invitation to repent

God is giving you a new name!