



FOR THE SERMON PREACHED ON: Sunday, November 14, 2021

TITLE: A Letter to a Worldly Church

PASSAGE: Revelation 2:12-17

SERIES: The Book of Revelation: Worthy is the Lamb

1. The enemy frequently uses persecution and seduction to attack God's people. How has the enemy used these tactics in your life?
2. How is Jesus described in verse 12? What does it mean? (For reference, see Revelation 1:16 and 19:15.)
3. What praise does Christ have for this church (v13)?
4. What rebuke does Christ have for this church (v14-15)?
5. If Christ were to praise and rebuke you right now, into what areas of your life would he speak?
6. What human tendencies does Christ's admonishment for holding to false teaching while simultaneously holding fast to Christ's name illustrate?
7. What are the false teachings of our day that some believers try to blend with faith in Christ? How does Christ's warning to the Pergamum church speak to those who try to hold onto both?
8. Christ calls the church to repentance (v16a). Explain what biblical repentance is and what genuine repentance looks like in a believer's life.
9. What will happen to those who do not repent (v16b)? What does Christ mean by those words? How does that specific consequence for failing to repent apply to people today?
10. What promise does Christ make to those who conquer? What do those rewards mean or represent? (v17; for reference, see John 6:48-51.)

Application

- a. Prayerfully ask the Lord to reveal any spiritual compromises that you've made. Then, ask a believer that knows you well if they observe any spiritual compromises in you.
- b. What did those conversations reveal? How will you address those issues?

(*See page 2 for **PRAYER POINTS**.)

As we continue in our series through the letters to the seven churches in Revelation 2 and 3, let's pray together through these passages. Let's place ourselves humbly before the Lord and trust him to teach

Mission City Bible Church what we need to know and do as a result of our time in the word and in prayer. Use these prayer starters, as needed, and move from one section to the next, as appropriate.

THE PRAISEWORTHY QUALITIES OF JESUS:

- He is the One who brings judgement (v12, 16)
- He is powerful (v12: he has the sword)
- He is perfectly discerning in his judgement (v12: the sharp two-edged sword)
- He knows where we live (v13)
- His name is worthy to be trusted (v13)
- He knows what we do (v14a)
- He alone can satisfy our needs (v17: hidden manna)
- He declares his approval over those who trust him (v17: the white stone)
- He loves us personally (v17: the new name)

REVERENCE:

- Lord, we worship you because . . .
- Jesus, we praise you because we saw your power when . . .
- Lord, thank you that you know where we live and how hard it can be in this world to trust you when . . .

RESPONSE:

- Lord, I confess that I have compromised in my relationship with you when it comes to . . .
- Lord, I admit that I haven't pressed into the power of the truth when . . .

REQUEST:

- Lord, help us as a church to remain wholly faithful to you
- Lord, show us the areas of our lives where we have compromised
- Lord, strengthen me to hold fast to your name when . . .
- Lord, help me to make the necessary changes in my life regarding . . .

READINESS:

- Jesus, we will trust in your power even when . . .
- Lord, we will trust in you to satisfy our needs for . . .
- Lord, help us to live in your perfect and personal love for us when . . .