



MISSION CITY
BIBLE CHURCH

DATE: Sunday, November 14, 2021

TITLE: A Letter to a Worldly Church

SERIES: The Book of Revelation: Worthy is the Lamb

PASSAGE: Revelation 2:12-17

Jesus loves the purity of his church.

Three questions to help root out spiritual compromise in our lives . . .

1) Am I pressing into the power of _____? (v12-13)

cf., Revelation 1:16; 19:15; Hebrews 4:12

2) Am I compromising on what I know to be _____? (v14-16)

“The congregation or individual Christian who compromises with the world just to avoid suffering or achieve success is committing spiritual adultery and is being unfaithful to the Lord” (Warren Wiersbe)

3) Am I willing to make the _____? (v16-17)

A. Turn away from your _____

B. Return to your _____

(*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 . . .