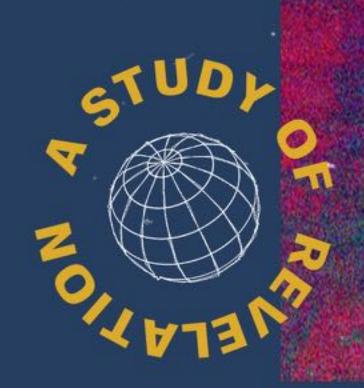
THE MAJESTY OF

TELATION 2-3 Pt2-PERGAMUM





PERGAMUM: The Worldly Church (v2:12-17)

REVELATION 2:12-14

12 "And to the angel of the church in Pergamum write: 'The words of him who has the sharp two-edged sword. 13 "I know where you dwell, where Satan's throne is. Yet you hold fast my name, and you did not deny my faith even in the days of Antipas my faithful witness, who was killed among you, where Satan dwells. 14 But I have a few things against you: you have some there who hold the teaching of Balaam, who taught Balak to put a stumbling block before the sons of Israel, so that they might eat food sacrificed to idols and practice sexual immorality.

PERGAMUM: The Worldly Church (v2:12-17)

REVELATION 2:15-17

15 So also you have some who hold the teaching of the Nicolaitans. 16 Therefore repent. If not, I will come to you soon and war against them with the sword of my mouth. He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To the one who conquers I will give some of the hidden manna, and I will give him a white stone, with a new name written on the stone that no one knows except the one who receives it.'

"The Christian walk is all about togetherness, community. It's all about being a holy nation, a corporate entity because God is not into spiritual lone rangers." -Jon Courson

1 COR 6:14-16

14 Do not be unequally yoked with unbelievers. For what partnership has righteousness with lawlessness? Or what fellowship has light with darkness? 15 What accord has Christ with Belial? Or what portion does a believer share with an unbeliever? 16 What agreement has the temple of God with idols? For we are the temple of the living God; as God said, "I will make my dwelling among them and walk among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

"The worship of these pagan deities was usually marked by the most abominable practices. The pagan temples had priests who were actually prostitutes, and the revenue for most of the pagan temples was gain through prostitution. Part of their religious rights involved sexual orgies with their priestesses." -Chuck Smith

1 PETER 4:2-3

...live for the rest of the time in the flesh no longer for human passions but for the will of God. 3 For the time that is past suffices for doing what the Gentiles want to do, living in sensuality, passions, drunkenness, orgies, drinking parties, and lawless idolatry.

1 THES 4:2-5

2 For you know what instructions we gave you through the Lord Jesus. 3 For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you abstain from sexual immorality; 4 that each one of you know how to control his own body in holiness and honor, 5 not in the passion of lust like the Gentiles who do not know God;

"Like a cancerous tumor that spreads through healthy flesh, compromise allows falsehood to strangle the truth, ultimately destroying it. Only a sharp scalpel in the hands of a precise surgeon can remove the cancer without killing the patient. Christ, the great physician, is qualified not only to do diagnosis but also to successfully treat the insidious disease of compromise." -Chuck Swindoll

"The Bible is not an end in itself, but a means to bring men to an intimate and satisfying knowledge of God, that they may enter into Him, that they may delight in His Presence, may taste and know the inner sweetness of the very God Himself in the core and center of their hearts." -AW Tozer