



Faith Without Compromise Revelation 2:12-17

- I. Pray and read passage together (Revelation 2:12-17)
- II. Discuss the temptation to compromise. How does this temptation uniquely affect you?
- III. Read **Revelation 2:12**: In the Roman Empire, the “double-edged” sword was a symbol denoting the authority to judge. How does this impact how we understand scripture as a “double-edged” sword?
- IV. **Read Revelation 2:13**. Jesus knows our unique context and situations. He knows the temptations we face. How does the affect your daily walk?
- V. How does Jesus commend the church in Pergamum?
- VI. **Read Revelation 2:14-15**. What is Jesus’ complaint? Where has the church in Pergamum gone astray?
- VII. Jesus mentions two false teachings Balaam and Nicolatians. We learned Balaam led the Israelites to compromise their faith to accommodate to the Moabite idols (Numbers 24-31). And the Nicolatians used “grace” as permission to sin. How do these two false teachings manifest themselves today in our context?
- VIII. Church Historian, Micheal Kruger outlines three unique beliefs/ behaviours of the early church: Exclusivity of Christ, Paradoxical doctrines and their high moral standard (sexual purity, did not practice infanticide, high view of marriage, and did not give into drunkenness and gluttony.) How do these “strange” behaviours manifest themselves in our own age and how can that set Christians apart?
- IX. **Read Revelation 2:16-18**. Blessing and curse, judgement and forgiveness awaits each person. The heavenly manna points to the end-time feast with Jesus and the white stone is the judicial verdict of innocent with a new name/identity. How do these “rewards” encourage us in our walk today?
- X. **Closing applications**: “If Satan cannot force you to abandon your faith through persecution, then he will make your faith futile/ worthless through accommodation and compromise.”
 - A. What area of my life (ethic) and my doctrine (beliefs) am I tempted to accommodate and compromise to the cultural norms around me?
 - B. Where do I need accountability? Do you have a network of relationships where you can confess and turn from sin and fight for holy living?
 - C. What do I need to bring to the altar this morning/week?
- XI. Close in Prayer