

The Compromising Church

Revelation 2:12-17

Christ's Approval v.13

- Perseverance in Satan's city
- Loyalty to the name of Christ
- Faithfulness to the message of Christ
- Sacrifice for the cause of Christ

Christ's Admonishment v.14-15

Two False Doctrines were being taught:

- Doctrine of Balaam

Wisdom of the world – Ends justifies the means

Worship of the world - Idolatry

Wickedness of the world - Immorality

- Doctrine of Nicolaitans

Subdue/people? doctrinal? Leading the church?

Bottom Line – The deeds hated in Ephesus are now accepted as doctrine in Pergamum.

Church's Action v.16-17

- Repentance or severe judgment
“the sword of My mouth” - Revelation 19:15
- Subdue/conquer the idolatry, immorality, infidelity within the church collectively and individually
- Results – “hidden manna ... white stone ... new name”

Personal Application

- Take personal inventory as to areas, especially spiritual, where I tend to compromise
- Understand God's desires by reading about them
- Refuse to rationalize what God has said
- Change my appetites
- Strive for holiness