

How Would Christ Describe Your Relationship With Him? Part 3

Revelation 2:8-11

Revelation Series

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I. The church at Pergamum

A. Background

1. It was said to be the **greatest** city in Asia.
2. It had the **first** temple dedicated to Caesar and was a rabid promoter of the Imperial Cult.

B. Things [in the Pergamum church] that Christ approved (2:9)

1. In the midst of persecution, they **remained true** to Christ.
 - Cf. Compass Direct News or Voice of the Martyrs (These are resources, not an endorsement)

C. Christ's admonition to them (2:10-11)

1. Summing it up, Christ admonished them for their **compromising** approach to sin.
2. If they did not **repent**, they would experience Christ's discipline.
 - Repent: to align your thinking with God's... and your practice too.
3. This call to repentance is not an abusive attack but a **loving confrontation** (Rev. 3:19; Acts 3:19).

D. What was their promised reward if they do repent? (v.17)

1. **Hidden manna**

- This suggests that those who are faithful to Him will have all the **benefits** and **blessings** of being in right fellowship with Him.

2. A **white stone**

- From the customs of John's day, this suggests a pronouncement of "**innocent**" and a **personalized invitation** to a celebratory victor's banquet.



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