

Word on Wednesday Bible Study

Seven Churches Christ examines and Evaluates Revelation Chapter 2

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The seven Churches of Asia Minor:

1. Ephesus
2. Smyrna
3. Pergamum
4. Thyatira
5. Sardis
6. Philadelphia
7. Laodicea

Lesson Aim: Learning to respond to corrective instructions.

Central theme: Jesus Christ, the Head of the Church inspects the heart of the church and reveals its true condition.

This week we want to look at Pergamum and Thyatira

What's the message to the Churches, and all believers? We're in the world but not of the world. [Jhn. 15:19]

Pergamum [Chpt.2vs.12-13] Pergamos means: "Married," which reminds us not only the Church, but each of us is "engaged to Christ" and must remain pure until His return. [Eph.5:25b-27]

God Sees and knows all.

He will _____ deceit and _____ all motives.
[I Cort. 4:5]

(Vs.14-16) Christ calls out sin among the Church!

In context the congregation or the individual Christian that compromises with the world just to avoid suffering or achieving success is committing “Spiritual adultery” [Jam.4:4]

(vs.16) Repent or else!

(vs.17) Christ’s covenant or vow to the _____ soul.
[I Jhn.1:9]

Christ displays the distinction between the earthly and Heavenly.

Eating things sacrificed to idols “Hidden manna” which satisfies our deepest hunger.

Christ will give us white stones with a new name.

In those days, a white stone was put into a vessel by a judge to vote “acquittal” for a person on trial. It was also used like a “ticket” to gain admission to a feast. [Jhn.8:36, *“If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.”*]

New Name: A person’s name represented his or her “character”. God will give us new names and new hearts... Can you hear Him say: “Well done, good and faithful?”

Thyatira [Chpt.2vs.18-29] was a military town, as well as a commercial center; a working man’s town. The city was basically secular, with no focus on any particular religion.

(vs.18) [Symbols describing the character of Jesus]

Eyes of blazing fire

He sees all and judges all.

Feet like burnish bronze

Perfect wisdom and acts with strength and steadiness

(vs.19) Christ commended the church for growing in good deeds. They were involved in sacrificial ministry; they were not guilty of mere “religious activity.” We should grow in love, faith, and acts of service.

(vs.20-23) Alas, the Lords Accusation

No amount of loving and religious works can compensate for tolerance of evil. The church was permitting a false prophetess to influence the people and lead them into compromise.

We have a _____ to ourselves and others. We must be intolerant of sin that _____ the spiritual health of the church. [I Cort.5:6, 9, and 12]

(vs.21-23) God has given us time to _____ to follow Him; “So Repent” don’t let stubbornness stand in the way of eternal life. [II pet.3:9]

(vs.24-29) Not everyone in the _____ is unfaithful to the Lord. He has a special word for them.

When the world is at its bleakest point, look up; Christ will burst onto the scene, bring His promised reward!!

Hold on Christian Soldier!!! We can make it!!!