

PERMISSIVE PROGRESSIVE PERGAMUM

Rev.2:12-17
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How can our love for others become too tolerant?

How would you describe what looks to be the permissive problem at Pergamum?

What is better to be long on doctrine and short on love or to be long on love and short on doctrine?

THE SITUATION (v.13)

Satan has been granted, by God, the earth as his territorial domain (Eph. 6:12; 2 Cor. 4:4).

Pergamum dwelt in the same location that Satan dwelt.

When living near a stronghold of Satan we might be more prone to be permissive. Why?

Where is Satan? (1 Pet. 5:8; 2 Cor. 11:14; Isa. 14:12).

We cannot allow ourselves to become tolerant of Satanic influence, worldliness and general ungodliness. What must we do?

THE SIN (v. 14, 15)

What is the sin in this passage?

In the Old Testament Balaam was hired by Balak, the King of Moab to bring a curse on Israel (Num. 22:1-25:2; 31:16).

What sorts of dangerous relationships do we encourage that would end-up joining believers to unbelievers inappropriately (see 2 Cor. 6:14-16; 1 Cor. 6:15-20)?

Do we evaluate possible evil influences around us? Are we developing sensitive consciences to evil?

THE SENTENCE (v. 12 & 16)

What is the sentence God promises in verse 16?

In what ways are we allowing immorality into our Christian assemblies without rebuke?

Why the two-edged sword image of Christ (v.12, 16)?

THE SALVATION (v. 16-17)

Turn from our sin (2 Cor. 10:3-5).

Use the sword of Christ to direct us (Matt. 4:4).

There is hidden manna and a white stone.