

**CrossRoads Community Church**  
**Sermon Summary Sheet, Week of July 3, 2022**  
**“THE LETTERS TO THE SEVEN CHURCHES...A Study of the Book of Revelation”**  
**Part 3: “Pergamos – The Paganized Church,” Revelation 2: 12-17**

**INTRODUCTION:** *In Revelation chapter 2 and 3, the Lord Jesus Christ gives special messages to the seven churches in Asia Minor. But He intended for all the churches to read these messages and benefit from them. We're to benefit from them as well, as we examine our own hearts and apply these shared truths to ourselves. Today we look at the Church of Pergamos - the Paganized Church.*

**FORMAT OF THE SEVEN LETTERS**

**JESUS' QUALIFICATIONS**  
**JESUS' COMMENDATIONS**  
**JESUS' CRITIQUE**

**APPROACH TO THE SEVEN LETTERS**

**LITERAL** Specific, Historical Truths  
**UNIVERSAL** General, Timeless Truths  
**PROPHETIC** Symbolic, Eschatological Truths

**1. THE COMPELLING WORD**

**“And to the angel of the church in Pergamos write, ‘These things says He who has the sharp two-edged sword: Revelation 2: 12**

- **Faithful Under Duress**     **Matthew 5: 10-12**
- **Faithful Unto Death**     **James 1:12**

**2. COMPROMISED WITH THE WORLD**

**“But I have a few things against you, because you have there those who hold the doctrine of Balaam,” Revelation 2: 14a**

- **Permitting / Practicing Godlessness**     **Psalm 50: 16-18**
- **Prostituting Gifts**     **1 Peter 5: 2-4**

**The Roman Church: 312 – 1607 A.D.     Unbiblical Teachings Introduced:**

- **375 A.D. Worship of Saints and Angels**
- **526 A.D. Extreme Unction (last rites)**
- **593 A.D. Purgatory**

**Today's Church: “Paganization Today”**

- **ASCLEPIUS – Serpent God of Healing: Personal Health and Athletics**
- **ZEUS – Ruler of the Heavens and Governor of Weather: Political Hierarchy and Authority (sexual immorality)**
- **DIONYSUS – God of wine, fertility, ritual madness, theater, and religious ecstasy. Perverved Hedonistic Attitudes**

**3. THE CRITICAL WARNING**

**“Repent, or else I will come to you quickly and will fight against them with the sword of My mouth.” Revelation 2: 16**

- **The Battle Against the Faithless (Fornicators)**     **Revelation 21:8**
- **The Blessing of the Faithful**     **John 6: 57-58, Isaiah 62:2**

**CONCLUSION**

**“The letter to the Church at Pergamos teaches us about the disobedient act of compromise, being tempted to achieve personal advancement by partnering with the ungodly. We're to be reminded that as a church we're “engaged to Christ” and must be kept pure (2 Corinthians 11:1-4). Later in Revelation this present world system is pictured as a defiled harlot, while the church is presented as a pure bride. The congregation or the individual Christian that compromises with the world just to avoid suffering or achieve success is committing “spiritual adultery” and being unfaithful to the Lord.”**     **Warren Wiersbe**