

**Pergamum: Flirting with Idolatry**  
**Revelation 2:12-17**

**I. PICTURE: "sharp two-edged sword" (v.12)**

**A. Destination:** "the church in Pergamum"

**B. Description:** "the one who has the sharp...sword"

**II. PRAISE: "I know..." (v.13)**

**A. Residence:** "you dwell where Satan's throne is" (v.13a)

**B. Response:** "you hold fast My name" (v.13b)

**C. Result:** "you did not deny My faith" (v.13c)

1. Example: "Antipas"

2. Execution: "killed among you"

**III. PROBLEM: "Balaam...Nicolaitans" (vv.14-15)**

**A. Active:** "the teaching of Balaam" (v.14)

**B. Passive:** "the teaching of the Nicolaitans" (v.15)

**IV. PRESCRIPTION: "Repent therefore..." (v.16)**

**A. Return:** "or else I am coming to you quickly"

**B. Revenge:** "or else...I will make war against them"

**V. PROMISE: "manna...white stone...new name" (v.17)**

**A. Allotment:** "I will give of the hidden manna" (v.17a)

**B. Access:** "I will give him a white stone" (v.17b)

**C. Authority:** "I will give him...a new name" (v.17c)

1. Permanent: "written upon the stone"

2. Personal: "no one knows but he who receives it"

*Next Week: **Read Revelation 2** (study vv.18-29)*

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