# **SERMON NOTES**

STAY PURE – CHURCH OF PERGAMUM REVELATION 2:12-17 | NOVEMBER 6, 2022 SENIOR PASTOR TIM HARKNESS



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# IMPACT GROUP QUESTIONS KEY PASSAGE: REVELATION 2:12-17

Opening: What truths impacted you most from the sermon/passage? Stand true to your faith in Jesus as you recognize that you live where Satan dwells; Set down any worthless idols and false teachings. Repent and follow your King; Be a conqueror for Jesus, and you will receive hidden manna and a new name before your King.

#### **INFORM THE HEAD / STIR THE HEART**

1. Please read Hebrews 4:12, and explain what Jesus means when He describes Himself as "Him who has the sharp two-edged sword."

2. How are the teachings of Balaam (setting up enticing calls to idol worship) and the Nicolaitans (believing that believers are saved by grace and so it doesn't matter how they live) expressed in the church today?

3. Please explain how a believer can "hold fast to God's name" AND allow wrong teaching to impact the church.

4. How is God's word used as a "sword to war against" the desensitization of the church?

5. In the Pergamum judicial system, they voted on someone's guilt or innocence with stones. If a man were found guilty, he would receive a black stone. But, if he were found innocent, he would receive a white stone with his name written on it! What hope was God giving this church if they repented and overcame?

6. What insight does God's use of familiar culture in their city give you about how He relates to us?

7. How did Jesus describe Himself at the start of the letter to this week's church? How is His description connected to the main purpose of this week's letter?

## **CHALLENGE THE WILL**

Based on what you learned in Sunday's message and in your study time, what is one measurable thing you will go after this week in your walk with Christ?

### WEEKLY READING PLAN

Monday, November 7 // 1 Corinthians 6:12-20 Honor God with Your Body

Tuesday, November 8 // 1 John 2:7-17 Do not Love the Things of the World

Wednesday, November 9 // 1 John 2:18-29 Abide in Him

Thursday, November 10 // Galatians 5:16-26 Walk by the Spirit

Friday, November 11 // Revelation 2:18-29 No Tolerance – Church of Thyatira