

Jesus Speaks to His Church  
"Faithful Under Pressure" ~ Rev 2:12-17

1) Faithfulness

- a. History and Map of Pergamum
- b. Rev 2:12 Him who has the sharp two-edged sword
- c. What does He mean by the two-edged sword?
  - i. Rev 19:11,15 From His mouth comes a sharp sword
  - ii. Heb 4:12 The Word of God... sharper than any two-edged sword
    - 1. Cuts and pierces
    - 2. Sets us right
- d. Why a sharp two-edged sword?
  - i. Corrupt men sought to corrupt the church
  - ii. Church remained faithful because of the sword (Word)
- e. Rev 2:13 "where Satan's throne is... where Satan dwells"
- f. Matthew 16:18 "the gates of hell shall not prevail against it"
- g. Persecution.com ~ Choose one and pray
- h. Not out of guilt but gratitude and prayer
- i. Rev 2:13 "hold fast my name... did not deny my faith"
  - i. As a bride
  - ii. Faithful to teachings of Christ
    - 1. Jesus was only a good teacher? Col 1:13-18
    - 2. God wants Christians to be happy and wealthy?

2) Failure ~ The Church of Pergamum was not perfect

- a. Rev 2:14 The teaching of Balaam (1 Cor 8:13)
- b. Rev 2:15 The teaching of the Nicolaitans (1 Cor 6:18)

3) Favor ~ God smiling down on you... blessing (Rev 2:17)

- a. Hidden Manna ~ (Heb 10:22) "Let us draw near"
- b. White Stone ~ Absolution from guilt; acquittal
- c. New Name ~ Permanent adoption into God's family