

The Doctrine of Balaam
Revelation 2:12-17
The Church in Pergamum

Christ's message to His churches is full of statements about _____ and judgements. Pergamum is no exception.

What was Pergamum like?

Pergamum is a city on top of a _____
The first capital of the Asian Empire.

- Home of the temple to _____ goddess of wisdom and military victory
- Home to a giant altar to _____ head of the Greek pantheon of gods.
- Home of a temple to worship _____ Augustus.

Today called Bergama

Perg (Berg) - means _____ or elevated place.

Gamos - means _____

Literally, Christianity and the evil of Satan are _____ in Pergamum resulting in a pagan, compromised church.

One of the first _____ schools started here.
First recorded use of psychiatry is here.

It was a place of pagan religious festivals. If you did not come to the pagan feast you could lose your _____

Pergamum is about _____ living with the Lord.

I. A dangerous environment - vs. 13

A. This was the place that Jesus declared as the place where Satan _____.

B. Jesus commends the church in two areas:

"you hold fast My name" - they knew that Jesus was _____ every name.

"you did not deny My faith" - they publicly _____ their faith.

II. A very _____ evaluation - vs. 14-15

I have a few things against you.

Doctrine of _____.

What did Balaam do? (See Numbers 22-24)

What are the key points about Balaam

- to eat things sacrificed to _____
- to commit _____ immorality.

Teaching of the Nicolaitans

Intermingling the _____ practices of Rome and Christianity.

They felt as a church that you can be for these things and still claim to be a Christian. Ethical, moral _____.

III. A strong _____ - vs. 16

_____! It is more than action. It is a concept of the _____ . What you think about controls your life.

Two types of repentance:

I'll come to you _____ Repentance for the true _____ who continues to compromise.

I'll fight _____ with the sword of my mouth. Repentance for the _____ from the wrath of God.

IV. A wonderful _____ - vs. 17

What does God promise to the overcomer?

_____ What is manna?

A _____ with your name on it.