

# THE CHURCH AT PERGAMOS

Pastor Stephen Baker. Sunday, January 29, 2023.

Revelation / Pergamum / Revelation 2:12-17

*A Message to the Church at Pergamum.*

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## Introduction

### I. Greeting: The Double-Edged Sword. (12)

### II. Commendation. (13)

### III. Condemnation. (14-15)

Doctrine of Balaam = Mixing paganism with Christianity. Pagan worship and fornication were encouraged by these false teachers. Society in Pergamum was based on idol worship. This included temple feasts and fornication. Christians in Pergamum were under constant pressure to engage in these things.

Doctrine of the Nicolaitans = We are not sure who these people were, but it is generally accepted that they were a group of immoral people who claimed to follow the teachings of Nicolas. They believed they could get spiritual victory by indulging the flesh in fornication, drunkenness, and other immoral behaviors.

Others believe the Nicolaitans were the beginning of hierarchies in the church where the leadership is separated from the laity.

### IV. Correction. (16)

### V. Promise. (17)

# APPLICATION QUESTIONS:

FOR WEDNESDAY NIGHT

1. How is Jesus Described in the Passage?
2. What was the church at Ephesus doing well?
3. What were they doing wrong?
4. What action was required?
5. What was the potential reward?

## **HARMONY BAPTIST CHURCH: JOIN US FOR BIBLE STUDY.**

Sunday School for all ages: **10 am**

Morning Worship & Bible Preaching: **11 am** / Harmony Kids! **11 am** (in the Gym)

Wednesday Evening Bible Study: **7 pm** (in the Christian Life Center) / Kid's for Truth Bible Clubs / AWANA (In the Gym) **7 pm**

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**Books by Pastor Stephen Baker:** [CrossLifePress.com](http://CrossLifePress.com)

**Nursery is available** during the Sunday Morning Service downstairs in the sanctuary if needed.

**Interested in Small Groups during the week outside of church?** Please talk to Steve or Cindy Crafton. [snrafton@gmail.com](mailto:snrafton@gmail.com). 706-463-1603 (Steve) 706-463-1063 (Cindy)

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