

# Sword and Stone: Repent. Remain. Receive.

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REVELATION 2:12-17

### Observation: What is happening here?

- v. 12: Christ speaks to the church in Pergamum. He identifies himself by showing his authority over judgment with the sharp two-edged sword.
- v. 13: Jesus acknowledges where they live, "*where Satan's throne is*," and "*where Satan dwells*." He commends their faithfulness. They hold fast and did not deny their faith, even when Antipas was killed.
- vv. 14-15: Christ confronts the church with "*a few things*" that some do:
  - Follow the teaching of Balaam and the teaching of the Nicolaitans
  - Two things happening: Food Feasts and Sexual Immorality
    - Food feasts as partaking in worship to *another god*. Think of how we partake in communion. Communion is an act of worship. We do not partake in worship of gods.
    - Accompanied by offering their bodies immorally to gods. Our bodies *belong* to God. Our bodies are sacred. We don't use our bodies to worship other gods or for evil.
- vv. 16-17: Christ commands these people to repent (*to change their mind*). If they refuse, He will come and wage war against *the compromisers*.
  - To the one who conquers He promises hidden manna and a white stone with a new name, nourishment, acceptance, and identity.
- Scriptures: *Revelation 2:12-17; Numbers 25:1-3; Numbers 31:16; Exodus 16:32-34; 1 Corinthians 10:18-21; Hebrews 4:12; John 6:31-35.*

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## **Interpretation: What can we learn?**

### **Christ judges and protects by His sword**

- The "*two-edged sword*" shows us the strength and power of Christ.
- Christ knows our hearts and where we dwell.
- Let us consider our heart and our home, is it in Christ?
- **Scriptures:** *Revelation 2:12-13; Revelation 2:16; Revelation 1:16; Isaiah 49:2; Hebrews 4:12.*

### **Your table and your body reveal your loyalty**

- When considering the throne and dwelling of Satan, eating sacrificial food is participation in worship to another god. This would lead to sexual immorality, showing loyalty and dedication to another god.
- **Scriptures:** *Revelation 2:14-15; Numbers 25:1-3; Numbers 31:16; 1 Corinthians 10:18-21; 1 Corinthians 6:13, 19-20.*

### **Repent, remain, and receive**

- Christ comes to the church but wars against the compromisers. Overcomers (*the ones who remain*) receive **manna** (God providing) & **a white stone** with a new name (*salvation, identity, & transformation*).
- **Scriptures:** *Revelation 2:16-17; Exodus 16:32-34; John 6:31-35; Isaiah 62:2.*

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## **Application: How should we live?**

### **Repent and receive**

- If you do not know the Lord, may you repent (*change your mind*) and receive the gift of salvation by believing in Christ.
- In salvation, **receive** a new name, new identity, and sustenance.
- **Scriptures:** *Revelation 2:16-17; John 6:31-35; Isaiah 62:2.*

### **Choose Christ's table; honor God with your body**

- **Remain** in Christ. Stay away from any feast that functions as worship to another god (*even if it looks like "just food"*). Set a boundary.
- Present your body to the Lord instead of *sexual immorality* and *idol worship*; pursue purity and **integrity** with your body.
- **Scriptures:** *Revelation 2:14-15; 1 Corinthians 10:18-21; 1 Corinthians 6:19-20.*

### **Hold fast. Remain. Have confidence in Christ**

- May your words and deeds flow from your faith in Christ. May you bear fruit and walk in holiness and allegiance to Christ.
- Let a white stone be a as a reminder of God's promises. May you live and love like Christ.
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