

## The Seven Letters: The Church in Pergamum Revelation 2:12–17

### Jesus Identifies Himself (2:12)

“From his mouth came a sharp two-edged sword.” (Revelation 1:16)

“The sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.” (Ephesians 6:17)

“For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.” (Hebrews 4:12)

“From his mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations, and he will rule them with a rod of iron. He will tread the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God the Almighty...And the rest were slain by the sword that came from the mouth of him who was sitting on the horse, and all the birds were gorged with their flesh.” (Revelation 19:15, 21)

### Jesus Commends the Church in Pergamum for Their Faithful Witness (2:13)

“The accuser of our brothers...who accuses them day and night before our God.” (Revelation 12:10)

“Then the dragon became furious with the woman and went off to make war on the rest of her offspring, on those who keep the commandments of God and hold to the testimony of Jesus.” (Revelation 12:17)

“He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar and the father of lies.” (John 8:44)

“Jesus Christ the faithful witness.” (Revelation 1:5)

### Jesus Rebukes the Church in Pergamum for Compromise (2:14–16)

“Yet this you have: you hate the works of Nicolaitans, which I also hate.” (Revelation 2:6)

### Jesus Offers the Church in Pergamum a Reward (2:17)

**Jesus will not tolerate compromise in his churches—Either we will deal with sin and false teaching, or he will.**

“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” (1 John 1:9)

“If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector.” (Matthew 18:15–17)

“‘He himself bore our sins’ in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; ‘by his wounds you have been healed.’” (1 Peter 2:24)

