



FINAL CONQUEST

A VERSE-BY-VERSE STUDY OF REVELATION

**THE CHURCH THAT WAS TOO ACCEPTING...AND
THE CHURCH THAT WAS TOO TOLERANT**

REVELATION 2:12-29

Introduction: Is it possible for Christians to be too accepting and too tolerant? Our culture -- which celebrates inclusiveness -- would emphatically answer, "No!" But God's Word says, "Yes" as we will see in Jesus' message to the Christians in Pergamum and Thyatira.

I. Pergamum: The Compromising Church (Revelation 2:12-17)

A. The City of Pergamum

B. The Description of Christ (2:12)

Revelation 2:12 "To the angel of the church in Pergamum, write: The One who has the sharp two-edged sword."

Revelation 19:15a "And from His mouth comes a sharp sword, so that with it He may smite the nations and He will rule them with a rod of iron..."

Revelation 19:21 "And the rest were killed with the sword which came from the mouth of Him who sat upon the horse, and all the birds were filled with their flesh."

C. The Affirmation of Pergamum (2:13)

Revelation 2:13 "I know where you dwell, where Satan's throne is; and you hold fast My name, and did not deny My faith, even in the days of Antipas, My witness, My faithful one, who was killed among you, where Satan dwells."



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D. The Admonition to Pergamum (2:14-16)

Revelation 2:14-16 ¹⁴ “But I have a few things against you, because you have there some who hold the teaching of Balaam, who kept teaching Balak to put a stumbling block before the sons of Israel, to eat things sacrificed to idols, and to commit acts of immorality. ¹⁵ Thus you also have some who in the same way hold the teaching of the Nicolaitans. ¹⁶ Repent therefore; or else I am coming to you quickly, and I will make war against them with the sword of My mouth.”

1. The doctrine of Balaam (2:14)

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2. The doctrine of Nicolaitans (2:15)

Revelation 2:15 “Thus you also have some who in the same way hold the teaching of the Nicolaitans.”

a. The Nicolaitans distorted Christian liberty

b. The Nicolaitans embraced Gnosticism

1 Corinthians 6:16, 18-19 ¹⁶ “Or do you not know that the one who joins himself to a prostitute is one body with her? For He says, ‘THE TWO WILL BECOME ONE FLESH.’ ¹⁸ Flee immorality. Every other sin that a man commits is outside the body, but the immoral man sins against his own body. ¹⁹ Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own?”



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E. The Promise to Pergamum (2:17)

Revelation 2:17 “He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes, to him I will give some of the hidden manna, and I will give him a white stone, and a new name written on the stone which no one knows but he who receives it.”

1. **Hidden manna**
2. **White stone**
3. **New name**

II. Thyatira: The Apostate Church (Revelation 2:18-29)

- A. **The City of Thyatira**
- B. **The Description of Christ (2:18)**

Revelation 2:18 “And to the angel of the church in Thyatira write: The Son of God, who has eyes like a flame of fire, and His feet are like burnished bronze...”

C. The Affirmation of Thyatira (2:19)

Revelation 2:19 “I know your deeds, and your love and faith and service and perseverance, and that your deeds of late are greater than at first.”

Six Commendable Traits

1. **Good deeds**
2. **Love for others**
3. **Trust in God**
4. **Service for the Savior**
5. **Patient endurance in trials**
6. **Zealousness**



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D. The Admonition to Thyatira (2:20-23)

Revelation 2:20-23 ²⁰ “But I have this against you, that you tolerate the woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess, and she teaches and leads My bond-servants astray, so that they commit acts of immorality and eat things sacrificed to idols. ²¹ And I gave her time to repent; and she does not want to repent of her immorality. ²² Behold, I will cast her upon a bed of sickness, and those who commit adultery with her into great tribulation, unless they repent of her deeds. ²³ And I will kill her children with pestilence; and all the churches will know that I am He who searches the minds and hearts; and I will give to each one of you according to your deeds.”

E. The Promise to Thyatira (2:24-29)

Revelation 2:24 “But I say to you, the rest who are in Thyatira, who do not hold this teaching, who have not known the deep things of Satan, as they call themselves—I place no other burden on you.”

Revelation 2:25-29 ²⁵ “Nevertheless what you have, hold fast until I come. ²⁶ And he who overcomes, and he who keeps My deeds until the end, TO HIM I WILL GIVE AUTHORITY OVER THE NATIONS; ²⁷ AND HE SHALL RULE THEM WITH A ROD OF IRON, AS THE VESSELS OF THE POTTER ARE BROKEN TO PIECES, as I also have received authority from My Father; ²⁸ and I will give him the morning star. ²⁹ He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.”

III. Four Messages For Our Church...And For Ourselves

- A. From Ephesus**
- B. From Smyrna**
- C. From Pergamum**
- D. From Thyatira**

Conclusion