

## THE STATE OF THE CHURCH

The Church at Pergamos (Pergamum) - Part II

Reference: **Revelation 2:12-17**

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ONE...the church at **Ephesus** “**The Loveless Church**”

Reference: **Revelation 2:1-7**

TWO...the church at **Smyrna** “**The Persecuted Church**”

Reference: **Revelation 2:8-11**

**Revelation chapters two and three** consist of seven separate messages to seven different congregations in the first century Asia Minor. Remember each of the messages consist of four basic components: a **commendation**, a **condemnation**, some **counsel** and a **challenge**.

THREE... the church at **Pergamos** (Pergamum)

THE COMMENDATION:

**verse thirteen**

THE CONDEMNATION:

**verses fourteen and fifteen**

Pergamum is considered a \_\_\_\_\_ church because it accommodated teaching that was in serious error and wasn't faithful to Scripture!

THE COUNSEL:

**verse sixteen** (see screen)

Remember, the word **repent** in the original language means “a turning around; a change of mind; a change in attitude, etc.”

**verse sixteen** (see screen)

THE CHALLENGE:

**verse seventeen** (see screen)

The phrase “*He who has an ear, let him hear...*” implies there are three different types of people.

**One** - people that \_\_\_\_\_ spiritual ears; unsaved people are disconnected from God and so, don't have spiritual ears.

Reference: **I Corinthians 1:18** (see screen)

**Two** - people that have spiritual ears but those ears are \_\_\_\_\_ of hearing; these are Christians. The word “*dull*” means “lacking in intelligence or understanding.” Reference: **Hebrews 5:11-14** (see screen)

**Three** - people that have spiritual ears and are anxious to \_\_\_\_\_.

**verse seventeen** continued (see screen)

Remember, someone that is an over-comer is a Christian.

There are three promises to the over-comer in **verse seventeen**:

**One** is the promise of \_\_\_\_\_.

**verse seventeen** (see screen)

**Question:** What is this hidden manna?

**Answer:** See the narrative describing Jeremiah's hiding the ark of the covenant.

**Question:** What does this mean to us?

**Answer:** Just as manna sustained the Israelites throughout those desert wanderings \_\_\_\_\_ will act as our manna and sustain us throughout the eternal age.

**Two** is the promise of a \_\_\_\_\_.

**verse seventeen** continued (see screen)

**Question:** What is the significance of receiving this stone?

**Answer:** This stone symbolizes \_\_\_\_\_ on our sin.

Reference: **Romans 8:1** (see screen)

The premise behind the reparation argument is that we are responsible and accountable for the sins of our ancestors (i.e. slave owners) That is an unbiblical premise as children are not to be condemned for the sins of the fathers.

References: **Ezekiel 18:20; Deuteronomy 24:16; II Kings 14:5-6; Exodus 20:5; Romans 14:12** (see screen)

**Three** is the promise of a \_\_\_\_\_.

**verse seventeen** continued (see screen)