

CAN YOU HEAR ME NOW?

The Seven Churches of Revelation

The Church at Pergamum

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1. The name 'Pergamum' means Citadel in Greek.
2. Pergamum had a library of over 200,000 volumes.
3. The sharp, doubled-edged sword represents the Justice part of the character of Jesus Christ.
4. Heb 4:12 states that the word of God is Living and Active and sharper than any doubled-edged
5. The Roman Proconsul in Pergamum had the 'right of the sword' which meant he had the power to execute people for crimes that warranted it.
6. The Great Altar of Zeus the god who defeated the Titans, was in Pergamum
7. The sin of Balaam involved sexual immorality and the eating of food offered to idols.
8. 2 Peter 2:15 shows us that Balaam loved the wages of wickedness.
9. The CLOSER we draw to God the more aware we become of sin in our lives.
10. The 'white stone' mentioned in vs. 17 could be referencing the custom of the day when an accused person would receive a white stone if they were acquitted of a crime. This mirrors how we are redeemed by the grace of God through the sacrifice of Jesus for our sins.

The Church at Pergamum had people who had remained true to the name of Jesus and had not renounced their faith, and remained true to Jesus' name.

Discussion Questions (House Churches, Family Devotionals, Triads, Etc.)

1. Discuss the ways in which you feel the culture in our city, state and country can have a negative impact on you as a Christian.
2. Discuss the model shown in the sermon regarding how our awareness of sin in our lives grows as we draw closer to God.
3. Discuss how humility in the life of the believer plays a role in the process of repentance from sins.