

# **Emmanuel Temple Church**

*of the Apostolic Faith*



***"Come Let us worship the Lord  
In Spirit and In Truth"***

*A Life Changing Experience*

# The Book of Revelation



## *The Church of Pergamos*

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# Revelation 2:12

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**12** And to the angel of the church in Pergamos write; These things saith he which hath the sharp sword with two edges,



# Revelation 2:13

**13** I know thy works and where thou dwellest, even where Satan's seat is: and thou holdest fast my name, and has not denied my faith, even in those days wherein Antipas way my faithful martyr, who was slain among you, where Satan dwelleth.



# Revelation 2:14

**14** But I have a few things against thee, because thou hast there them that hold the doctrine of Balaam, who taught Balac to cast a stumblingblock before the children of Israel, to eat things sacrificed unto idols, and to commit fornication.



# Revelation 2:15

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**15** So hast thou also them that hold the doctrine of the Nicolaitanes, which thing I hate.



# Revelation 2:16

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**16 Repent; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will fight against them with the sword of my mouth.**



# Revelation 2:17

**17** He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the hidden manna, and will give him a white stone, and in the stone a new name written, which no man knoweth saving he that receiveth it.



# Revelation 2:12-17

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# The Church of Pergamum

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Pergamum was the capitol of Asia, until the close of the first century. It was a city given over to the worship of many Greek gods. Two of the most prominent was Baccus (back-us) the god of revelry, and Asclepius (ask-sklee-pee-us) the god of healing.



# The Church of Pergamum

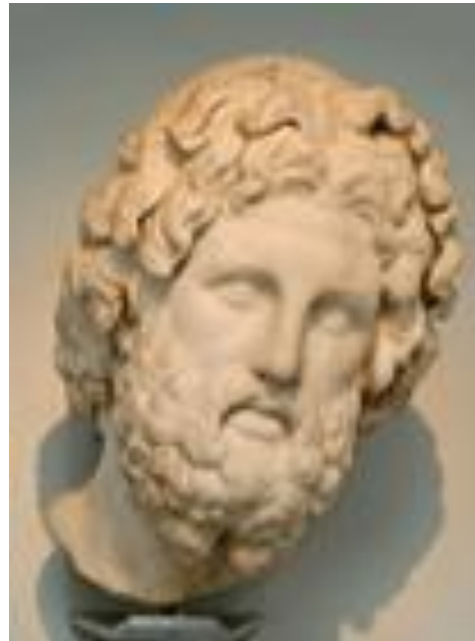




# The Church of Pergamum



**BACCUS**



**ASCLEPIUS**



**ASCLEPIUS  
STAFF**

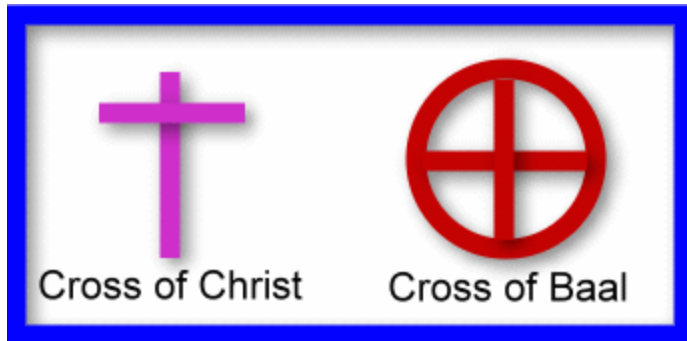


# Pagan Practices introduced into the Church

- A.D. 300 – Prayers for the dead
- A.D. 300 – Making sign of the cross
- A.D. 375 – Worship of saints and angles
- A.D. 394 – Mass first instituted
- A.D. 431 – Worship of Mary begun
- A.D. 500 – Priests began dressing differently than laypeople.
- A.D. 526 – Extreme unction
- A.D. 593 – Doctrine of purgatory introduced
- A.D. 600 – Worship services conducted in Latin
- A.D. 600 – Prayers directed to Mary



# The Church of Pergamum



Praying to Mary

Rosary





# Jesus identifies Himself

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Christ identifies Himself as He who has a double-edge sword, a reference He makes in Rev 1:16. Paul used similar imagery in Hebrews 4:12. The double-edged sword is the Word of God. This Word is powerful and sharp. It cuts us loose from the bonds of sin and it also judges unbelievers without mercy.

Question? Why does Christ use that expression with the church of Pergamos when He did not use it with Smyra?



# Commendation

The commendation of Jesus to Pergamum, as recorded in verse 13, falls into three basic categories

1. "I know where you live, where Satan has his throne."
2. "Yet you remain true to my name"
3. "You did not renounce your faith in me"



# Condemnation

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**Jesus** says Pergamos is “where Satan’s throne is” and “where Satan dwells.”

What could He mean?

***Rev 2:12-13; 12:9-1; Job 41:34***



# Condemnation

**Jesus** notes that Pergamos undergoes very difficult circumstances, persecution, idolatrous and immoral people and Satanic influence.

Does He takes this into account?

***Rev 2:14-16; Hebrews 4:12-13; Psalm 13 13:17; Luke 12:48***



# Condemnation

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**Jesus** criticizes Pergamos for tolerating those who teach the doctrine of Balaam, the eating of things offered to idols and fornication.

Does this apply to the church today?

***Rev 2:14; Exodus 20: 3-5; Romans 8:35-39;  
1 Corinthians 15:31-34***



# Condemnation

## Balaam





# Condemnation

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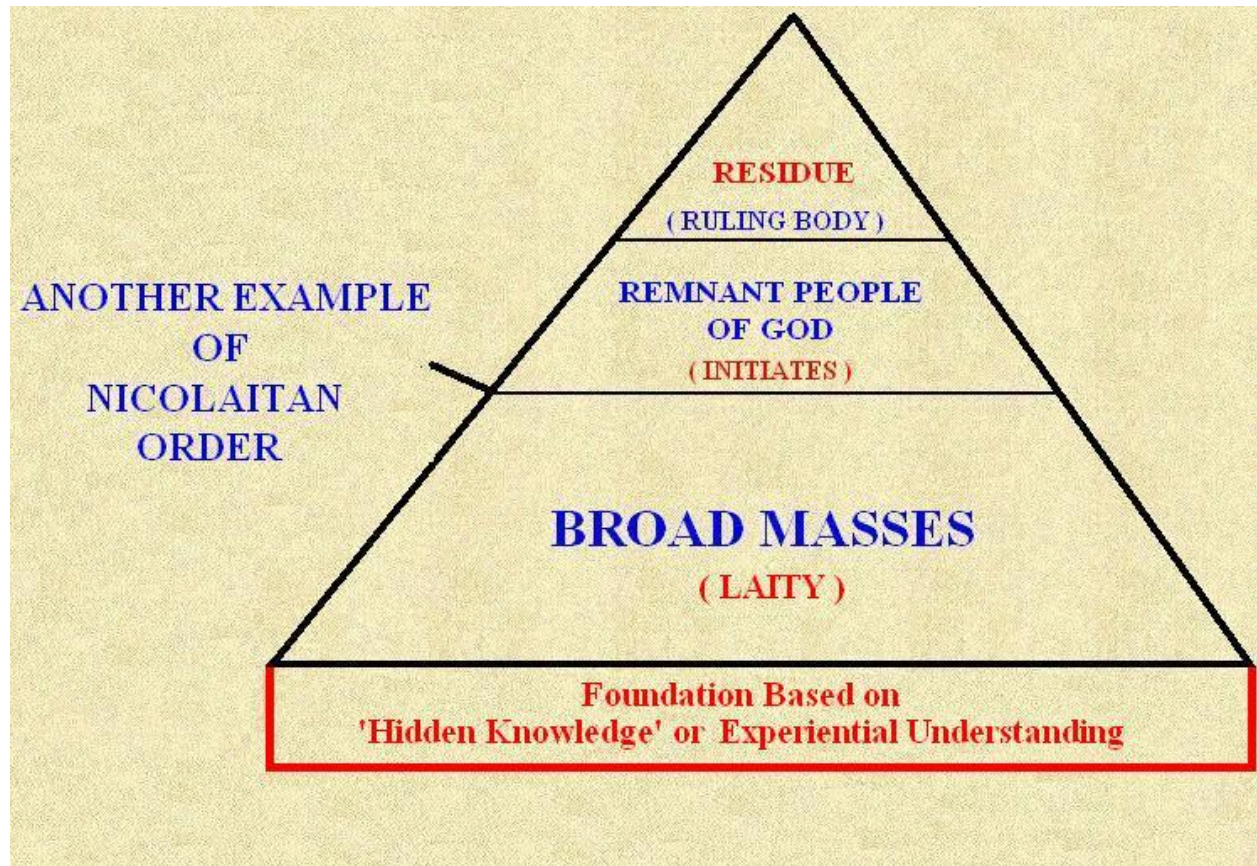
Some in Pergamos also held the doctrine of the Nicolaitans, as in Ephesus.

What about it does Jesus hate so much?

***Rev: 2:6, 15; Ephesians 2: 1-2; 4:17-22, 30-31***



# Nicolaitan Order





# 7 Deadly Sins

**Pride**-is excessive belief in one's own abilities that interferes with the individual's recognition of the Grace of God. It has been called the sin from which all others arise. Pride is also known as Vanity

**Envy**-is the desire for other traits, statues, abilities, or situation.

**Gluttony**-is an inordinate desire to consume more than that which one requires. (this does not always mean food)

**Lust**-is an inordinate craving for the pleasures of the body



# 7 Deadly Sins con't

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**Anger**-is manifested in the individual who spurns love and opts instead for fury. It is also know as Wrath.

**Greed**-is the desire for material wealth or gain, ignoring the realm of the spiritual. It is also called Avarice or Covetousness.

**Sloth**-is the avoidance of physical or spiritual work



# Jesus Counsel

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**16** "Repent, or else I will come to thee quickly and will fight against them with the sword of My mouth".

Repent- (Greek, Metanoia meaning spiritual transformation.

What this church needed to do was make a total change.



# Jesus Challenge

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To those of Pergamos who repent, Jesus will allow to eat of the hidden manna and give them a white stone engraved with a new name, known only to themselves.

Does this set them apart as special?

**Rev 2:17**



*"I come that they  
might have life..."*

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