*** PRIORITY MAIL ***

WEEK 3 | PERGAMUM | REVELATION 2:12-17

Inspection – "What does it say?"

What is this "sharp, double-edged sword" in verse 12?

Reference Hebrews 4:12-13 and Ephesians 6:17.

What had happened to Antipas who was called a faithful witness? (verse 13) What two groups of false teaching were in the church at Pergamum? (verses 14-15) What was the church in Pergamum to do in order to be acceptable to the Lord? (verse 16) What two things were promised to those who overcome? (verse 17)

Observation – "What does it mean?"

In what ways are the false teachings of Balaam evident in the church today? In what ways does the Christian today live where Satan has his dwelling place? What is the spiritual meaning of "hidden manna" and "white stone" in verse 17? What "new name" is given to those who overcome? What coming event is pictured in verse 16? Reference Revelation 19:11-16.

Life Application – "What does it mean for me?"

Seek God's help in abstaining from things associated with idol worship and sexual immorality.

Listen to the book of Revelation online as you read this week.

"He who has an ear, let him hear."

Memorize John 15:18-19.

Make a list of ways you can prevent yourself from compromising your faith and morals.

Consider giving up watching television and videos for a month

and spend more time in prayer.

Meditation – "What does God say?"

Psalm 24:3-4	Psalm 51:10	Psalm 73:1	Ezekiel 11:19
Matthew 5:8	1 Timothy 1:5	2 Timothy 2:22	Hebrews 10:22

Supplication: What Can We Meditate?

Heavenly Father,

Before I bring my need, I bring a grateful and contrite heart. Thank You for watching over me and protecting me when I was young and foolish. Thank You for being the God of second chances! You are a God of mercy and I love You with all my heart.

Lord Jesus, You have shown me the blessing of a pure heart. Blessed are the pure in heart for they will see God. I want to be more like You. You taught me that a good person produces good out of the treasures of our hearts. When I say something that is unkind, when I am impatient with others, when I judge others, I am not being the person You have called me to be.

Father, may the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart be pleasing to You. Let no unwholesome talk come out of my mouth but only what helps to build others up. May my words benefit anyone who listens.

Father, rid me of all bitterness, rage, and anger. When my thoughts turn dark, may I think instead about whatever is good, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—about anything that is excellent and praiseworthy!

Father, thank You for forgiving my sins. I am clean because of the words You have spoken through my Savior. Savior, I pray that Your words remain in me so that I remain in You and bear good fruit. Cultivate in me the fruit of the Spirit—love, joy, peace, patience, kind-ness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control, so that I always keep in step with the Spirit.

Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Lord, create in me pure motives, pure desires, pure thoughts. Lord, I want to store so much of Your goodness in my heart that it overflows and pushes out all impurities. May I be kind and compassionate, forgiving others just as You forgave me. May I love others as You love me, even those who are hard to love.

Here's my heart, oh take and seal it. Seal it for Thy courts above.

Amen.

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