

A FOLLOWING CHURCH
Part 3: TRUE LOVE (PERGAMUM)
January 27, 2019

“We love, because He first loved us.”

I John 1:19 (NASB)

CHRIST REVEALS HIMSELF

“And to the angel of the church in Pergamum write: The One who has the sharp two-edged sword says this:....”
Revelation 2:12 (NAS)

“For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. Nothing in all creation is hidden from God’s sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of Him to whom we must give account.”
Hebrews 4:12-13 (NIV)

- **The sword is a symbol of _____ - Truth which _____ and _____**
_____.

“God is not human, that He should lie, not a human being, that He should change His mind. Does He speak and then not act? Does He promise and not fulfill?”
Numbers 23:19 (NIV)

CHRIST COMMENDS THE POSITIVE

“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.”
Revelation 2:13 (NAS)

- **The Church in Pergamum faced a _____**
_____ and _____
_____. **But**

CHRIST CONDEMNS THE NEGATIVE

“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. So you also have some who in the same way hold the teaching of the Nicolaitans.”
Revelation 2:14-15 (NAS)

- **It is possible to not deny Christ and _____**
_____ **at the same time.**

“As I urged you when I went into Macedonia, stay there in Ephesus so that you may command certain people not to teach false doctrines any longer or to devote themselves to myths and endless genealogies. Such things promote controversial speculations rather than advancing God’s work—which is by faith.”
I Timothy 1:3-4 (NIV)

“For a time is coming when people will no longer listen to sound and wholesome teaching. They will follow their own desires and will look for teachers who will tell them whatever their itching ears want to hear. They will reject the truth and chase after myths.”
II Timothy 4:3-4 (NLT)

- **Christ will not long tolerate _____ of the _____.**

FOLLOWING CHRIST WITHOUT COMPROMISE

“Repent of your sin, or I will come to you suddenly and fight against them with the sword of my mouth. Anyone with ears to hear must listen to the Spirit and understand what He is saying to the churches. To everyone who is victorious I will give some of the manna that has been hidden away in heaven. And I will give to each one a white stone, and on the stone will be engraved a new name that no one understands except the one who receives it.”
Revelation 2:16-17 (NLT)

1. _____ **WHO** _____ **THE** _____.

“The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us. We have seen His glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.”
John 1:14 (NIV)

“Jesus answered, ‘I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.’”
John 14:6 (NIV)

2. _____.

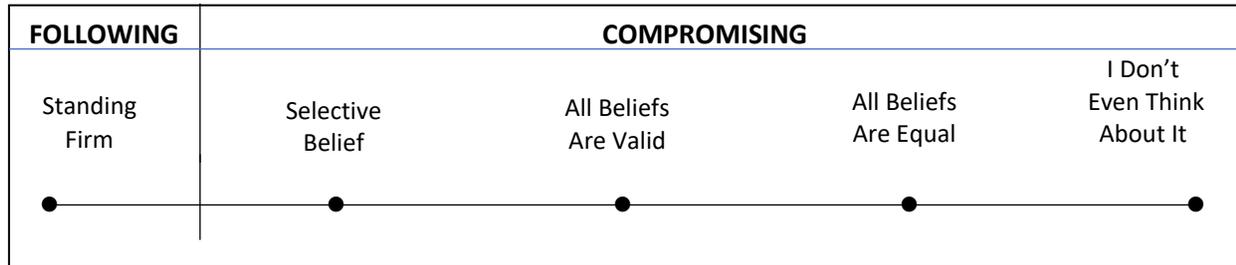
“Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—His good, pleasing and perfect will.”
Romans 12:2 (NIV)

3. _____ **TO THE** _____.

“To the Jews who had believed Him, Jesus said, ‘If you hold to My teaching, you are really My disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.’”
John 8:31-32 (NIV)

MY NEXT STEP THIS WEEK IS ...

If I am a Christ follower, rate myself in terms of the following:



If I am not standing firm, what will I do this week to take a stand?

In light of Christ's letter to the Church in Pergamum, what do you think Christ would write to GNG? E-mail your thoughts to jeff@goodnewsgathering.org.

If I am not a Christian, discover what it means to be a follower of Jesus Christ.
• Check box on back of Communication Card.

Prepare for next week's lesson by reading [Revelation 2:18-29](#), [Matthew 18:15-17](#), and [1 Corinthians 5:1-13](#) and reviewing the Revelation Study Guide at www.goodnewsgathering.org at the Resource tab.