

"CHRIST CONFRONTING INDISCRIMINATE TOLERATION" REVELATION 2:12-17

I. THE LORD INITIATES THE CONFRONTATION WITH ANOTHER SELF DESCRIPTION (2:12)

A. He Seems To Adjust His Appearance According To The Particular
Need Of Each Designated Church

B. He Is Depicted As One Brandishing A Weapon (*"Sword"*)

II. THE LORD ACKNOWLEDGES THE TENACITY OF THEIR WITNESS, EVEN IN THE FACE OF MARTYRDOM (2:13)

A. He Surprises Us When We Hear Him Say Good Things About A
Compromised Church

B. He Takes Many Things Into Consideration

1. The Diabolical Hostility Of Their Environment In The Capital
City Of Pergamos
2. The Effects Of The Pagan Deity, Asklepios
3. The Particular Faithfulness Of One, Antipas

III. THE LORD EXPOSED THEM AS THOSE, WHO NEVERTHELESS, TOLERATED DESTRUCTIVE DOCTRINES AND PRACTICES (2:14-15)

A. The Doctrine Of Balaam

B. The Doctrine Of The Nicolaitans

IV. THE LORD PROVIDES A DIRECTIVE AND A PROMISE (2:16-17)

A. *"Repent Or Else"*

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B. Hidden Manna And White Stones