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## The Road Less Traveled Revelation 2:12-17

### Central Passage

**Revelation 2:12–17 (ESV)** — **12** "And to the angel of the church in Pergamum write: 'The words of him who has the sharp two-edged sword. **13** "'I know where you dwell, where Satan's throne is. Yet you hold fast my name, and you did not deny my faith even in the days of Antipas my faithful witness, who was killed among you, where Satan dwells. **14** But I have a few things against you: you have some there who hold the teaching of Balaam, who taught Balak to put a stumbling block before the sons of Israel, so that they might eat food sacrificed to idols and practice sexual immorality. **15** So also you have some who hold the teaching of the Nicolaitans. **16** Therefore repent. If not, I will come to you soon and war against them with the sword of my mouth. **17** He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To the one who conquers I will give some of the hidden manna, and I will give him a white stone, with a new name written on the stone that no one knows except the one who receives it.'

**Central Thought:** The call of the risen, ascended, exalted Christ is to turn away from the World's ways of self-indulgent worship, self-serving sexuality and self-aggrandizing behavior, and to follow his way of humility, service and love.

### To the Church in Pergamum

❖ Jesus is the Judge! (v.12,16)

**Hebrews 4:12–13 (ESV)** — **12** For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. **13** And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

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**John 1:1 (ESV)** — **1** In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

**John 1:17 (ESV)** — **17** For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. (See also Rev. 20:11-15)

❖ The battle is real! (v.13)

**Ephesians 6:12 (ESV)** — **12** For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.

❖ Our behavior matters! (v.14-16)

**2 Corinthians 6:17 (NLT)** — **17** Therefore, come out from among unbelievers, and separate yourselves from them, says the LORD. Don't touch their filthy things, and I will welcome you.

**1 John 2:15–17 (NLT)** — **15** Do not love this world nor the things it offers you, for when you love the world, you do not have the love of the Father in you. **16** For the world offers only a craving for physical pleasure, a craving for everything we see, and pride in our achievements and possessions. These are not from the Father, but are from this world. **17** And this world is fading away, along with everything that people crave. But anyone who does what pleases God will live forever.

❖ Our reward is sure! (v.17)

**Matthew 19:28–29 (NLT)** — **28** Jesus replied, "I assure you that when the world is made new and the Son of Man sits upon his glorious throne, you who have been my followers will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. **29** And everyone who has given up houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or property, for my sake, will receive a hundred times as much in return and will inherit eternal life.

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