

Dear Family in Pergamum

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Revelation 2:12-17 Douglas translation

¹²To the messenger of the church in Pergamum write:

This is what the One possessing a sharp, double-edged sword says, ¹³ I understand where it is you live. It's the place of Satan's throne. Yet, you are continuing to hold fast to My name and have not renounced My faithfulness, even in the days of My loyal martyr, Antipas, who was killed in your midst, where Satan lives.

¹⁴Nevertheless, here are some matters I have against you. There are those around you who are clinging to the teaching of Balaam, who taught Balak to place before the sons of Israel a temptation to eat food sacrificed to idols and commit sexually forbidden acts. ¹⁵In a similar way, you also have those among you who are clinging to the teaching of the Nicolaitans. ¹⁶Therefore, turn back! If you don't, I will come to you swiftly and make war with them by the sword that comes forth from my mouth. ¹⁷Let the one who has the ears to hear listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches. To the one who prevails, I will give the secret manna and a white pebble, and on the pebble will be written a new name no one knows except the one who receives it.

No Jesus, No Peace Know Jesus, No Peace

No fidelity, no future No creed, know conflict Know repentance, know reward

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, visible and invisible. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,

and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father [and the Son],†

who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,

and the life of the world to come. Amen.