

Revelation 2:12-17

The Two Edged Sword of Christ

Introduction:

In Matthew's gospel Jesus says, that "I did not come to bring peace on earth, but a sword. This was said not because Jesus is a war monger, but because he is truth and the truth cuts against the lies of Satan. When truth enters a man's life that is, when Christ enters his life even the closest relationships bring about divisions. That happens because man by his fall with Adam in sin hates the truth. Truth and lie cannot mix like water and oil or like night and day. (Matthew 10:34-39)

I. Christ's Sword – 1:16; 16-18

A. The city of Pergamum – Library town (some two thousand books and parchments)

1. Two edged sword cuts both ways – Heb. 4:12
2. The Word of God cannot be restrained – II Tim. 2:9
3. The Word of God produces our new birth – I Pet. 1:23
4. The Word of God creates the universe – II Pet. 3:5; Turn To: Psalm 33:6-9

II. Satan's Domain – 1:13-15

A. Satan's reign is limited – Job 1:12

1. Satan attacks by persecution – v.13, cf. 17:6; I Pet. 2:21
2. Satan attacks by seduction – v.14-16; cf. Acts 14:12,13

B. False Doctrine:

1. Balaam's and Balak's idolatry and fornication – Num. 22-23
2. Nicolaitians Gnosticism – 2:6

C. Holiness is not optional

1. The goal of sanctification is to be holy as God is – I Pet. 1:13-16
2. Laxity – absence of discipline
3. The necessity of repentance – v.16

D. The Blessing of the hidden manna

1. Angel's food – Exod.16, Psa. 78:24,25
2. Feeding the five thousand – John 6:31-33
3. An invitation to take the Bread of Life, Jesus who is the Bread of life!

E. The White Stone - An invitation to hospitality into heaven

Conclusion:

- ***May we examine ourselves to see whether or not we are in the Christian faith? This can only happen if we have ears to hear what the Holy Spirit is saying as He speaks through His Word.***

II Cor. 13:5

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