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**The Church At Pergamum: Loyal But Liberal**

Revelation 2:12-17

**Key Truth:** The Word of God provides a stable and unshakable foundation for our faith.

**The Character Of The Church in Pergamum:**

1. They were outnumbered, but not overcome with fear.

2. They didn’t bow the knee even in the face of death.

3. Unlike the church at Ephesus, they tolerated false

 teachers among their fellowship.

**The Truth About False Doctrine:**

1. False doctrine ultimately leads to unrighteous living.

2. False doctrine can have deadly consequences.

 **Numbers 31:16**

3. False teachers must be exposed and expelled from the

 church. **Romans 16:17**

4. One of the responsibilities of the Pastor is to guard the

 church against false doctrine. **1 Timothy 1:3-7**

**Principles To Live By:**

1. Never compromise the Word of God for the sake of

 friendships.

2. Sound doctrine is essential to the health and spiritual

 maturity of the church. **1 Peter 2:1-3**

3. Faithfulness to Jesus Christ is predicated on being

 faithful to His Word.

**Taking It Beyond The Walls:** Thank Jesus for His mighty power and His unchanging Word. Pray that we would be able to spiritually discern the difference between truth and lies.

**Connection Group Homework**

Looking back at your notes, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

What are some of the most dangerous lies we might believe about the Christian faith? How should we combat them?

Read 1 John 4:1-6: Why is the nature of Jesus the foundation for determining whether a teaching istrue or a lie? What does this indicate about the importance and centrality of the person of Jesus Christ?

Why is recognizing the humanity and divinity of Jesus at the same time the foundation for determining all truth?

Read John 14:6: Why is it significant that Jesus called Himself “the truth”? How does that make Jesus distinct from any other religious figure in history?

Read Ephesians 4:13-16: What do we, as a church, stand to lose if we choose to tolerate false teaching? Why is it important that we “speak the truth in love” as we seek to correct false teaching?

Read Jude 3-4: Are false prophets and teachers always easy to recognize? Why or why not?

Read Numbers 22:7-8, 2 Peter 2:15-16: What do you think motivated Balaam to deceive Israel?