



Extra! Extra! Jesus Rebukes Christians  
Who Compromise the Truth.

Revelation 2:12-17

I. Jesus is proud of us for staying faithful to the truth especially when it costs us v. 12-13.

<sup>12</sup> “And to the angel of the church in Pergamum write: ‘The words of him who has the sharp two-edged sword. <sup>13</sup> “‘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.

▪ People are often ruled by Satan.

Ephesians 6:12 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.

## II. Jesus confronts us when we compromise truth v. 14-15.

<sup>14</sup> 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. <sup>15</sup> So also you have some who hold the teaching of the Nicolaitans.

- Bad behavior follows bad doctrine the way the sunrise follows the sunset (See 1 Timothy 4:16).

### III. Jesus commands us to repent of compromise v. 16.

<sup>16</sup> Therefore repent. If not, I will come to you soon and war against them with the sword of my mouth.

- The sword of Jesus' mouth is a sword of judgment.

Revelation 19:15 from his mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations, and he will rule them with a rod of iron. He will tread the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God the Almighty.

- We can compromise on a lot of things, but we cannot compromise God's Word.

## IV. Jesus promises to bless us when we stay faithful to our testimony of faith v. 17.

<sup>17</sup> 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.’

- The world may reject you when you stand firm, but Jesus will accept you.