

Introduction:

Text: Revelation 2:12-17

A. Christ: The Church's Conquering Champion

1. Christ conquers by His Word (vv. 12, 16)
2. Christ will come as the cybertic Champion (19:11, 13, 15-16)

B. Christ: The Church's Vigilant (v. 13)

1. Christ knows where you live.
2. Christ knows those who are true and faithful to Him.
3. Christ knows those who are willing to die for Him.
4. Christ also knows the compromising Christians (vv. 14-16).

C. Christ: His Remedy and Reward

1. His remedy: repent (v.16)
2. His reward for the overcomer (v. 17)
 - a. Hidden manna
 - b. White stone

Conclusion:

Read: Revelation 2:12, 17; 19:11, 13-16

1. How does it encourage you that Christ has "the sharp, double-edged sword in His mouth" as the church's conquering Champion?

Read: Revelation 2:13-14

2. Verse 13: Respond to this statement, "Regardless of how satanic is your political, social, and religious environment, you can be true and faithful to Christ even if it will cost your life."
3. Verse 14: How could Christians today compromise their faith in Christ by participating in their friends, or relatives, or co-workers' festive celebrations that induce idol worship and sexual compromise?

Read: Revelation 2:16-17

4. Verse 16: Who needs to repent in this church in Pergamum, or in the church today?
5. Verse 17: What is "the hidden manna" and the "white stone" promised by Christ to overcomers? Review and recall last Sunday's sermon.
6. How does Christ promise to the overcomers inspire, encourage, and strengthen you to remain true and faithful to Christ and be an overcomer?

GROUP AND PERSONAL RESPONSES: How do we apply this message to our individual life and situation?

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