



**Title** | Living in Satan's Hometown  
**Series** | Good to Go  
**Text** | Revelation 2:12-17  
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# Sermon Notes

Revelation 2:12 “And to the angel of the church in Pergamum write: ‘The words of him who has the sharp two-edged sword. 13 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. 14 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. 15 So also you have some who hold the teaching of the Nicolaitans. 16 Therefore repent. If not, I will come to you soon and war against them with the sword of my mouth. 17 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.’” ESV

## Big Idea:

Revelation 2:17 “. . . 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.” ESV

## For Reflection and Application:

### Monday:

Read Revelation 2:12-13. What is meant by the descriptions, “where Satan’s throne is” and “where Satan dwells.” What could a Christian expect to face in such a place? To what extent do you face such things today? See 1 John 5:19.

### Tuesday:

Read Revelation 2:14-15. What are the problems in the church at Pergamum? For background, read Numbers 22-24; 25:1-3; 31:16. Why is enticement to idolatry a primary tactic of Satan? What is the relationship between idolatry and sexual immorality? To what extent do you face such temptations today?

### Wednesday

Read Revelation 2:16. What is the directive Jesus gives? What is the warning? What is at stake? See Hebrews 12:3-11. How does this relate to your life?

### Thursday:

Read Revelation 2:17. Who is the “one who conquers”? What promises are given? How do these promises relate to intimacy with God? How would a promise of intimacy be encouraging to the believers in Pergamum? How does it affect you?

### Friday:

From Revelation 2:17, if the name written on the stone in some way signifies an outstanding characteristic of your life, what would you like your new name to be?

### Daily Prayer:

Lord, help me to be vigilant against anything that may displace you as uppermost in my allegiance and affections. I want to be close to you. Amen.

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