

**Lesson 4**

“Living in Satan’s Backyard”

*Revelation 2:12-17*

The Culture of the Church- Pergamum (2:12a)

* Culturally, they were intellectual.
* Geographically, they were grand.
* Politically, they were loyal.
* Architecturally, they were ethereal.
* Religiously, they were pluralistic.
* Morally, they were tolerant.

The Character of Christ (Rev. 2:12b)

*The words of him who has the sharp two-edged sword…*

* Jesus uses the sword of His Word.
* Jesus uses the sword of His power.
* Jesus uses the sword of His justice.

The Compliments for the Church (2:13)

* I know what you’re immersed in. *~ “I know where you dwell, where Satan’s throne is.”…where Satan dwells*
* I know your commitment. *~ Yet you hold fast my name, and you did not deny my faith*
* I know your fidelity. *~even in the days of Antipas my faithful witness, who was killed among you*
  + You persevere despite your fears.
  + You persevere despite your experiences.

The Criticisms of the Church (2:14-15).

* They tolerated sinful teachings. ~ *You have some there who hold the teaching…*
* They compromised with sinful lifestyles. ~*eat food sacrificed to idols and practice sexual immorality*

The Corrections for the Church (2:16a)

*Therefore repent*

* Realize your compromise.
* Reconsider your direction.
* Request God’s forgiveness.

The Consequences for the Church (2:16b)

* Jesus will visit. *~ If not, I will come to you soon*
* Jesus will judge. *~ And war against them with the sword of my mouth.*

The Call to the Churches (2:17a)

* Hear Jesus’ message. *~ He that hath an ear, let him hear*
* Jesus’ message is for all churches. *~ What the Spirit saith unto the churches*

The Conquering of the Church (2:17b)

* The gift of fellowship with Jesus. *~ I will give some of the hidden manna*
* The gift of a personal invitation. *~ 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.*
  + A stone of acquittal
  + A stone of victory
  + A stone of invitation
  + A stone of purity

These promises foreshadow the marriage supper of the Lamb!

**Prayer**

**Poem:** “A Prayer for Laborers” ~ Anonymous

On the multitude, I look,

Compassion in me stirred.

Because admits millions of souls

Many have never heard.

And when my heart is overwhelmed

With this surmounting need,

The best thing I know to do

Is pray and intercede.

College Student of the Night: Meg Wiley

* Freshman @ BJU
* Classes as a whole
* Biology Class

Single Focus/Cross Impact Requests:

* Cross Impact IUPUI, Purdue, and UIndy
* Single Focus
  + College Students while they’re away
  + Year-Long atmosphere and discipleship at home
* Sunday Soul-Winning Efforts

Specific Requests:

* Jack Elms, Kendall Elms, Jesiah Achenbach in military training/service
* Joseph LaPointe’s back and spirit
* Trevor’s need for community at Indiana State
* Jessica’s Unsaved friend in Mormonism
* Zirkles as Ronda goes through cancer treatments
* Xavion’s court situation
* Sarah’s family’s salvation

**Announcements:**

* Saturday, October 7- Harvest Party (Tuttle Orchard and Montgomery home)

**Order of Service for tonight:**

**Service Theme**: Identity in Christ

* **Opening Game**:  Mascot or MascNOT
* **Announcements**:
* **Resources of the Night**: Trusting God by Bridges
* **Opener**: Andy
* **Songs**:
  + Here is Love- page 49
  + O Church, Arise – page 92
  + Come Quickly, Lord (on screen)
* **Prayer**:
  + College Student of the Week: Meg Wiley

**Message**: Pastor Andy