

The Pergamos Church: Worldly

Rev. 2:12-17

The root of the word “Pergamos” means married.

Jesus commended the Pergamos church for being faithful during persecution.

Jesus rebuked the Pergamos church for their worldliness.

Jesus warns the Pergamos church against following the Nicolaitans.

During this time period there were several major controversies concerning doctrine including:

1. The deity of Christ.

Today this philosophy is spread by the Jehovah Witness.

2. The Pelagic controversy

Pelagius taught:

* No original sin

* No sin nature

* Man can save himself

Augustine taught:

* Man inherits sin nature

* Man cannot contribute anything
to his salvation

* Only God can save

What were some results of Christianity becoming acceptable and popular in the eyes of the world?

1. Morality and purity stopped.

2. Church leaders became respected leaders of the community.

3. The cross changed from a symbol of shame to a good luck charm.

4. Multitudes of unsaved people flooded into the church without being confronted with their spiritual condition.

For the next 1500 years the church and government were inseparable. The church was governed by the state until US government formed.