

## THE SEVEN CHURCHES | BECOMING A CONQUERING CHURCH

### REVELATION 2:12-17

Another beautiful city. Well known for its impressive library, beautiful architecture, and magnificent topography, Pergamum was the ancient capital of Asia and considered Asia's greatest city. It was well known for its temples dedicated to Athena, Asklepios, Dionysos, and Zeus. It was also known for its Emperor worship. It housed temples for Augustus, Trajan, and Septimus Severus. It was here that a church was called to conquer or to overcome. Though under tremendous Satanic pressure, the Church in Pergamum held fast to the name of Christ and to the faith even when one of their own was martyred. Unfortunately, some in this church held to sins common in their culture. They conformed to the world and damaged the church. Even those in the church that did not take part in these sins tolerated them. Jesus describes Himself as the one with the broadsword in His mouth coming to make war with them unless they overcome. What can we learn from the church in Pergamum about becoming a conquering church?

1. The church that conquers takes Jesus \_\_\_\_\_.
2. The church that conquers holds fast to Jesus's name even amid \_\_\_\_\_.
3. The church that conquers does not adopt the worlds sexual \_\_\_\_\_ or tolerate \_\_\_\_\_.
4. The church that overcomes is blessed with all the blessings and benefits of \_\_\_\_\_.