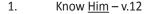


## Dear Pergamum...

Scripture: Revelation 2:12-17



2. Take comfort – v.13

- Stand <u>strong</u> vv. 14-16
- 4. Be encouraged v. 17

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# At Home Study Guide For the week of May 7, 2023

"The church in the world is called to overcome (Revelation 2-3), that she might be the bride of Christ in glory in the new heaven and new earth (Revelation 21-22)" (James Hamilton). In these seven letters at the beginning of the book, John challenges and encourages us, the church, to live faithfully in anticipation of the final victory that we will have through the Lamb of God.

1. Why does Jesus describe himself as having a sharp two-edged sword (Look back at 1:4-5, 8, 20)?
2. What does Jesus say to the church in Pergamum about the spiritual warfare occurring with them? What can you learn from them about your own spiritual battles and how to fight?
3. In what areas do you need strength in holding fast to Christ and refusing to compromise?

4. What is promised to the one who conquers and is victorious through Christ (see also Rev. 21:11, 18-21)? How does this letter help you live a more victorious life through Christ?

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