

In, But Not Of the World Notes

Revelation 2:12

“Write this letter to the angel of the church in Pergamum. This is the message from the one with the sharp two-edged sword:

Hebrews 4:12

¹²For the word of God is alive and powerful. It is sharper than the sharpest two-edged sword, cutting between soul and spirit, between joint and marrow. It exposes our innermost thoughts and desires.

Ephesians 6:17

and take the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Jesus is depicting himself with the Word of God coming out of His mouth.

Revelation 2:13-15

¹³“I know that you live in the city where Satan has his throne, yet you have remained loyal to me. You refused to deny me even when Antipas, my faithful witness, was martyred among you there in Satan’s city.

¹⁴“But I have a few complaints against you. You tolerate some among you whose teaching is like that of Balaam, who showed Balak how to trip up the people of Israel. He taught them to sin by eating food offered to idols and by committing sexual sin. ¹⁵In a similar way, you have some Nicolaitans among you who follow the same teaching.

James 4:4

Don’t you realize that friendship with the world makes you an enemy of God? I say it again: If you want to be a friend of the world, you make yourself an enemy of God.

The church is to follow God’s Word, not the world’s word.

Titus 2:15

¹⁵You must teach these things and encourage the believers to do them. You have the authority to correct them when necessary, so don’t let anyone disregard what you say.

Trendy Christianity doesn’t exist.

We are not trying to sell anything.

2 Timothy 2:24-26

²⁴ A servant of the Lord must not quarrel but must be kind to everyone, be able to teach, and be patient with difficult people. ²⁵ Gently instruct those who oppose the truth. Perhaps God will change those people's hearts, and they will learn the truth.

Revelation 2:16

¹⁶ Repent of your sin, or I will come to you suddenly and fight against them with the sword of my mouth.

Jesus is always offering you a chance to repent.

Revelation 2:17

¹⁷ "Anyone with ears to hear must listen to the Spirit and understand what he is saying to the churches. To everyone who is victorious I will give some of the manna that has been hidden away in heaven. And I will give to each one a white stone, and on the stone will be engraved a new name that no one understands except the one who receives it.

There is no compromise with evil

Psalms 119:1-4

*¹ Joyful are people of integrity,
who follow the instructions of the Lord.*

*² Joyful are those who obey his laws
and search for him with all their hearts.*

*³ They do not compromise with evil,
and they walk only in his paths.*

*⁴ You have charged us
to keep your commandments carefully.*

Maintaining a mindset of compromise ultimately leads to judgment, but maintaining a mindset of obedience leads to eternal life.