



The Glory of Christ in the Church – Discernment

SHINE Series

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Text: Revelation 2:12-17

This is the third message in our series, entitled Shine: The Glory of Christ in the Church. Each week we consider from Revelation 2-3 the words Christ speaks to the seven churches in Asia. This week, Christ addresses the church in Pergamum and calls them to 'shine' with discernment in the midst of the world.

Main Point

Christ calls the *worldly* church to discernment

Main Ideas

- * Discern the defender of the church
- * Discern the danger of worldliness
- * Discern the reward for faithfulness

Application Questions

1. Re-read Revelation 2:12-18.
2. How were you encouraged by Christ's message to the church in Pergamum?
3. What does Jesus reveal about himself in vs. 12 that helps you focus on him?
4. In vs. 13, Jesus commends the church. What is *so* commendable about Pergamum? In what ways do you desire to emulate their example?
5. In vs. 14-15, Jesus rebukes the church for worldliness. Do you discern the danger of worldliness in your life? In what areas are you vulnerable to worldliness: busyness; image; entertainment; materialism; success; other? On a scale of 1 to 10, how significant is that temptation right now?
6. In vs. 16, Jesus calls the church to repent to worldliness. What do you need to stop doing in order to obey to Jesus' command?
7. In vs. 17, Jesus reveals he is the reward for faithfulness. Read John 6:31-35, 48-51. How will the superior pleasures of knowing Christ help you battle the pleasures of worldliness in your life?
8. Pray for our church that we would shine with discernment.