Session 5

From Persecution to Mixture - Rev 2:12-17

I. Review

A. Encouragement in Persecution

1. http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_detailpage&v=PrRxFoBSPng
2. It's coming. Prepare your heart so you are not overwhelmed by the surprise of it.

II. Church of Pergamum

A. Background –

III. What does Jesus say to them?

A. Look at me!

1. I am the one with the two-edged sword!

B. I Know

1. Where you live
2. Satan's Throne
3. You hold fast my Name
4. You did not deny my faith

C. But this I have against you…

1. Mixture - Some hold to the teachings of Balaam to put a stumbling block before others.
2. Unto compromise (See Num 25;31)
   a. Eat food sacrificed to idols
      (1) Is this just an issue of food?
      (2) Consuming those things that lead us into compromise
         (a) Ignorance vs Intention (I Cor 10:19f)
   b. Sexual immorality
3. Acts 15-16 – Jerusalem Council – letter to gentiles
4. 2 Pet 2 – gain from wrongdoing
   a. False Prophets & teachers who secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Master who bought them…
   b. Many follow their sensuality and because of them the way of truth will be blasphemed.
   c. Greed – loved gain from wrongdoing
5. Some hold to the teachings of Nicolaitans which I hate
   a. Distorted Law of Liberty – Wrong view of Grace

b. Contrary to Romans 6:1-2, 12-14; I Cor 6:9; 18-20

6. Wolves - Mt 7:15
   a. Acts 20:17f v29-30

D. Repent or I will come swiftly
   1. I will come against them with the sword of my mouth
      a. What does it look like?
      b. Num 22:22f
      c. Ps 29
         (1) I speak and the worlds come forth
         (2) I speak and the earth writhes
   2. Who needs to repent?
      a. Leadership of the Church?
         (1) Today's world – fear of offending
      b. Participants
      c. The bad guys

E. To those who overcome
   1. Hidden Manna – Ex 16; Heb 9:4; Jn 6:22-35
   2. White Stone – Ex 28:15-21
   3. New name – Genesis 32:26-28