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Topic: The Compromising Church

Scripture text: Rev 2:12-17

1. Local churches are supposed to be the light of Christ in this world. However, Satan will try to undermine the testimonies of churches and believers. There will be both persecutions and temptations to make the church compromise. We must beware of Satan's attacks. Christ has the Word of God, which is perfect and precise. He will use it as the yardstick to judge churches. We must not compromise by twisting God's Word.

2. A compromising church is dangerous and deceptive because there is some good in the church. The church at Pergamos did not deny Christ even though the city was rampant with idolatry. They endured the persecution and even had a faithful martyr, Antipas. However, they also compromised. Some of them allowed false doctrines to come into the church. They did not deal with the sins of fornication and eating food offered to idols. They allowed worldliness to enter the church.

3. We must not condone sin but be prepared to defend God's truth. God will not fight for us if we compromise. We must quickly repent or else God will judge us with His Word. God will judge our compromise even if we do not have outright denial. If we overcome, we will be rewarded.