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Revelation 2:12-17

Seven churches of Asia may suggest total problems.
No two churches alike in either virtues or problems.
Information of general interest and need. Vs. 1:3-
Preserved because it can help succeeding generations.

I. CHRIST ALWAYS COMMENTED WHEN HE COULD. Vs. 12-13
A. Ceased not to confess Christ's name. Matt. 10:32.
   2. Temptation to follow the masses was powerful.
B. Refused to be moved away from Christ's creed. V.13
   1. Every pulling device of Devil had been used.
      a. Poverty, boycott, threats and even death.
   2. Death of Antipas failed to shake them loose.
C. Certain that these would be Christians of one kind or another. Might change, but never give up.
D. Comfort in knowing Christ's close contact always.
   Matt. 28:19-20, Tit. 1:19-20.

II. CHRIST ALWAYS CONDEMNS WHEN HE HAS TO. Vs. 14-15.
A. This church in danger and doing nothing about it.
   1. Doing some good works, but mixing with the bad.
   2. Good works did not cover up their weaknesses.
   3. Church was tolerating sin; losing influence.
B. Some members holding to doctrine of Balaam.
   1. Balaam loved the wages of unrighteousness. II P 2:15.
   2. He taught Balak to defeat God's people by leading them into idolatry and fornication.
   3. Condition: Some members sinning and teaching other members to sin. Internal corruption.
C. Christians fellowshipped Nicolaitian teachers.
   1. Two guilty parties listed here.
      a. Nicolaitanes who taught idolatry-fornication.
      b. Members who did not protest nor resist such.
D. Church not truly good till such sin is removed or the sinner is removed. Rom. 16:17.

III. HOW DID SUCH UNGODLINESS GET INTO THE CHURCH THERE?
A. Likely half-converted heathens. Poor teaching.
B. Fault of the leaders and members alike.
   1. Elders are to convince the gainsayers. Tit. 1:5-9.
   3. No gainsayers can survive strong teaching staff.
   4. Members should stand firm if no one else did.
C. Error can creep in anywhere teaching is weak.
   1. This congregation needs more teachers. Now.
2. Best plan is the rotation system. We can't do it!
3. Why don't we have them? Unconverted!!! Heb. 5:12-14.
4. If can read and talk can try to teach. Can learn.

IV. CHRIST LEAVES A THREAT AND A PROMISE. Vs. 16-17.

A. I'll come fight you with sword of my mouth. words. R. 1:16
1. Dismantle you, expose you and condemn you. Heb. 4:12.
B. He that overcomes will be blessed greatly.
3. a new name. V. 17. Redeemed! Genuine

INV: God has been very good to us, don't you think? In past.
Don't we owe Him something in return? Obedience? Service?
Wont you give Him these things beginning now? B-R-C-B.

Rev. 2:10. Until

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