

Revelation Series

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Revelation 2–3



1. ***Commission: an address opens each letter***
2. ***Character: a citation of specific attributes of Christ***
3. ***Commendation: a praise for spiritual advance***
4. ***Condemnation: a warning about a spiritual flaw in the congregation***
5. ***Correction: a prescription to recovery***
6. ***Call: a command to listen and apply***
7. ***Challenge: a personal promise of reward***



Black Sea

Ister River

ASIA

THRACIA

EDONIA

BITHYNIA and PONTUS

ASIA

Pergamum
Thyatira
Sardis
Philadelphia
Smyrna
Ephesus
Laodicea

GALATIA
CAPPADOCIA

LYCIA
PAMPHILIA
CILICIA

Aegean Sea

Rhodes

RHODES

CYPRUS



Revelation
2:12, “And to
the angel of the
church in
Pergamos
write, ‘These
things says He
who has the
sharp two-
edged sword:’ ”

Revelation 2:13, “I know your works, and where you dwell, where Satan’s throne is. And you hold fast to My name, and did not deny My faith even in the days in which Antipas was My faithful martyr, who was killed among you, where Satan dwells.”

Revelation 2:14, “But I have a few things against you, because you have there those who hold the doctrine of Balaam, who taught Balak to put a stumbling block before the children of Israel, to eat things sacrificed to idols, and to commit sexual immorality.”

John 17:11, “We are *in* the world,”
(*kosmos*)

John 17:13, “We are not *of* the
world” (*kosmos*)

Rom. 12:2, “And do not be conformed to the thinking of this age (*αἰών aiōn*), BUT be transformed by the renovation of your thinking that you may demonstrate the will of God, what is good, acceptable and perfect.”

Worldliness reflects the *zeitgeist*, the spirit of the age.

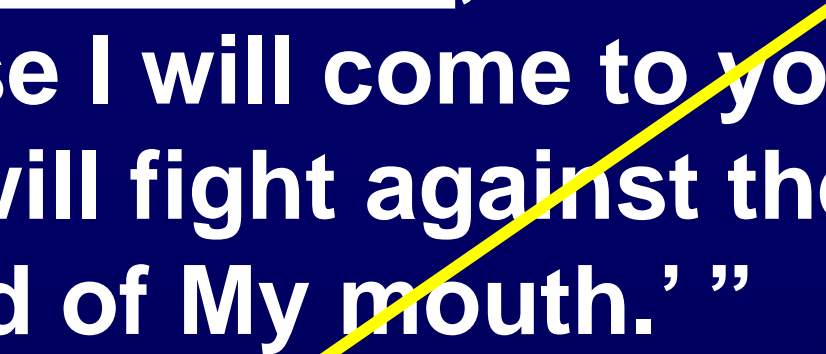
- 1. Worldliness is a synonym for pagan thought, human viewpoint, or the thinking of Satan.**
- 2. All worldliness is built on the foundation of Satan's thought: arrogance and antagonism to God.**
- 3. Worldliness thus is a way of thinking about ultimate reality, life, problems, and destiny that enables us to face life and surmount challenges apart from God.**
- 4. Worldliness today is characterized by either rationalism and empiricism (secular humanism) or mysticism (New Age).**
- 5. Systems of thought that reflect worldliness are: Darwinistic evolution, humanistic psychology, sociology, works religions.**

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Acts 15:20, “but that we write to them to abstain from things polluted by idols, *from* sexual immorality, *from* things strangled, and *from* blood.”

Acts 15:29, “that you abstain from things offered to idols, from blood, from things strangled, and from sexual immorality. If you keep yourselves from these, you will do well. Farewell.”

Revelation 2:16, “ ‘**Therefore**, repent, or else I will come to you quickly and will fight against them with the sword of My mouth.’ ”



οὖν *oun*, therefore, draws a conclusion or inference from the above statement

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μετανοέω *metanoéō*; Aor act imp 2s; “to change one’s thinking” the aorist imperative emphasizes immediate action. This is a mandate of high priority.

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Repent means to change your thinking.

- 1. This change is from human viewpoint or sin to divine viewpoint.**
- 2. Repentance is not remorse or sorrow.**
- 3. This change begins with confession, 1 John 1:9.**
- 4. Repentance though is more than confession.**
- 5. Repentance involves that change of pagan, human viewpoint worldliness in our soul for divine viewpoint of Bible doctrine.**
- 6. Repentance of some thought can be a lifetime process.**