



HIGHLIGHTS *from* ONE HOPE CHURCH

October 23, 2025

THIS WEEK

PERGUMUM: A NEW PLAN OF ACTION

GRIEF SHARE SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS

CORE VALUES SERMON SERIES

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PERGAMUM: A NEW PLAN OF ACTION

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“And to the angel of the church in Pergamum write: ‘The words of him who has the sharp two-edged sword. “I know where you dwell, where Satan’s throne is. Yet you hold fast my name, and you did not deny my faith even in the days of Antipas my faithful witness, who was killed among you, where Satan dwells. But I have a few things against you: you have some there who hold the teaching of Balaam, who taught Balak to put a stumbling block before the sons of Israel, so that they might eat food sacrificed to idols and practice sexual immorality. So also you have some who hold the teaching of the Nicolaitans. Therefore repent. If not, I will come to you soon and war against them with the sword of my mouth. He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To the one who conquers I will give some of the hidden manna, and I will give him a white stone, with a new name written on the stone that

no one knows except the one who receives it.”

Revelation 2:12-15

“Therefore repent.” Two words. Short and to the point. No fluff. No confusion. Jesus was clear. We continue for a second week visiting the churches in Pergamum. After zooming in on Jesus’ sword-tongue, we’ll back out and see what was causing Jesus to warn Pergamum with this weapon of final judgment.

Every forty-day Lenten season we explore and encourage repentance. When we repent, it simply means “to turn” or “to redirect.” A call to repentance goes beyond a call to ask for forgiveness. Repentance is not only sorrowful, but it is wrapped in a new plan of action! Turn away from the worldly distractions and back to God!

The weight and the why of Jesus’ concise command to Pergamum falls on the word “Therefore.” This word sets up the back bookend of the issue. The front bookend begins with

the words, “But I have a few things against you...”

Squeezed between these two bookends, Jesus sets up a case against the churches. First, he talks about false prophets who have tempted the believers to eat food sacrificed to idols, as well as immoral sexual practice.

The Acts 15 Council of Jerusalem produced an agreement by the Holy Spirit re: abstaining from food sacrificed to idols. This was a way of saying that believers worship God and God alone...no other God. The Council also agreed to abstain from any immoral sexual practice which occurs outside of marriage between a man and woman. Also, this was a part of pagan religious practice. Finally, the Nicolaitans are a modern-day mystery. Some believe they were early Gnostics.

All the warnings were connected to idolatry (the second commandment). Spend some time in prayer this week. Ask God how we can repent with a new plan of action to put God first!

GRIEFSHARE SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS

One Hope will be hosting a one night GriefShare Surviving the Holidays event on [Thursday, November 13 from 6:00-8:00 p.m.](#) This event provides support and practical tips for facing holiday challenges after the loss of a loved one. Participants will find connection and comfort in knowing they are not alone this season. They will be provided a Survival Guide to use during the evening and throughout the season. To register and read more about it go to griefshare.org.

New Sermon Series

October 5 Matthew 6:1-4, 16-18 *Keeping Secrets*

October 12 Matthew 6:5-8 *An Audience of One*

October 19 Matthew 6:9-12 *The Lord's Prayer*

October 26 Matthew 6:19-24 *Hidden Treasure*

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BIBLE STUDY

9:00-9:45 a.m.

One Hope Church Classroom

10/26 VOLUNTEERS

Children's Church

Sue S.

Fellowship Time - Treats

Lisa S.

Prayer Group

Earl S.

Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Earl S.

Audio

Lisa S.

Tech - Video

Michelle G.



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PRAYER CONCERNS

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God." ~ Philippians 4:6

Prayers for:

Susan H. healing, Carolyn E.'s sister

Rose R., hospitalized due to infection, Carolyn E.'s boss

Kelly, pancreatic cancer, Sheryl A.'s friend

Steven H, as he completes his training as a Marine

Bill F.'s friend, who has a serious illness

Patsy, recovering after brain aneurysm surgery,
friend of Bill & Pam F.

Pam F., dealing with health challenges

Jennifer, cancer, and Charles & Marie, her parents, who are
caring for her, friends of David P.

Linda S., second battle with cancer, David P's sister

Sara J.'s mother, Parkinsons & dementia, David P's friend

Becky S., stomach cancer, Sue S. sister-in-law

God's guidance as we continue to invite and welcome
those seeking Hope in Jesus

God's continued blessings upon the
Central Korean GMC

Global Methodist Church Heartland Conference

Peace for Israel, Ukraine & Taiwan

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Prayer | 9:45am

Fellowship Time | 10:00am

Children's Church | 10:45am

Sunday Worship | 10:30am

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