



Sermon Notes
Surviving Sin City
Pastor Ron Wood
April 11, 2021
Revelation 2:12-17

Surviving Sin City
Pergamum - Rev. 2:12-17

Historical and Cultural Background

2:12 The sharp sword = Warfare or Judgment.

2:13 I know where you live—where Satan has his throne.

“Satan’s throne”:

- The Acropolis of Pergamum, which resembled a Crown.
- The Altar of Zeus.
- The Temple and Cult of Asclepius.
- The Roman Imperial Cult.

2:14-15 False Teaching:

Balaam- Idolatry and Immorality.

Nicolaitans- Used freedom as a pretext for Sin.

2:16 Contrast with Ephesus.

2:17 Promise for the **Victorious Ones**:

Strength.

A New Identity.

*Jesus’s Sustenance, Our Identity, and Our Church Community,
Enable us to Endure.*

Temptations when Living in Sin City
(I’m talking Yucaipa - not Vegas!)

1. Our Culture Makes it hard to Live Out the Christian Life.
2. Sharing our Faith is Hard in Our Culture.
3. It is Easy to Compromise with Idolatry and Immorality.

Pro Tips for Surviving Sin City

- Reverse the Slow Fade. Gal. 5:25
- Stop Moving the Goal Post. Acts 20:24
- Offend Judiciously. 2 Cor. 2:15
- Please the right Person. 2 Cor. 5:9

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- The Altar of Z _____.
- The T _____ and C _____ of Asclepius;
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