

EDIFICATION & EVANGELISM

THE GOOD, THE BAD,
& THE PROMISES
(PART 1)

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REVELATION 2:1-17

WEEKLY

AFFIRMATION:

**JESUS KNOWS
ME, JESUS
LOVES ME, I
WILL LISTEN
TO HIM!**

FOR CHILDREN:

Read Revelation 1:12-20. Part of being created in God's image is the gift of imagination He gave us. Read through your scripture again and use that imagination to try and experience what the apostle John experienced in his meeting with the resurrected Jesus. Take time with all the details: a voice like thunder, eyes like fire that can see into and know the real you, a face as bright as the sun... and Jesus' hand as it touches you on the should and tells you: "do not be afraid." This Jesus is with you always, even though you don't see him. Trust Him and He will see you through each and every day!

WEEKLY MEMORY VERSE:

"He made us into a kingdom, priests to His God and Father—to Him be the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen."

Revelation 1:6

FOR THE MATURE CHRISTIAN:

Read Revelation 2:1-7. The Christians at Ephesus had done well in studying God's Word. They recognized God's revelation in scripture as the one and only truth. Jesus gives them full credit for these commendable actions. However, as their study and defense of doctrine grew stronger, their love for one another and for the world around them began to wane.

Can you remember back to when you first became a Christian? What truths, promises, fears and/or hopes moved you to submit your life to Christ? Can you think back to a time when you were excited to share your faith with others? Or when you wanted to do more in serving your brothers/sisters in Christ?

Prayerfully consider the following scriptures and pray for God's help in rekindling your passion to be active in evangelism and service. Jer. 2:1-2; Matt. 24:12-13; John 13:35; 1 John 4:10, 19.

FEBRUARY 2025 GROWTH GOALS

- ☐ Read the Book of Revelation.
- ☐ Memorize one of the weekly memory verses.
- ☐ Watch the Bible Project videos on the Book of Revelation (available on the website).
- ☐ Invite at least one person to Sunday Assembly.

FOR THE GROWING CHRISTIAN:

Read Revelation 2:12-17. Satan attacked the Christians at Pergamum with the pressure of Roman persecution. But these Christians recognized Christ alone as their Divine King; they wouldn't worship Caesar - a truth our faithful brother, Antipas, even gave his life for!

Where direct attack didn't work, however, Satan tried a different approach - the more subtle influence of false teaching. This is referred to as the "teaching of Balaam" because this was the tactic he used against the people of Israel. When a direct curse didn't work, he convinced Balak to use the women of Moab and Midian to seduce the men of Israel into worshiping false gods (Numbers 22-25:9, 31:16).

Today it might manifest itself in thoughts and theories from cultural icons that sound good at first, but are designed to slowly pull less alert Christians away from the truth of God's Word. So Christians must remain alert!

Prayerfully consider the following scriptures this week, and defend yourself with God's Word and His Church! 1 Thessalonians 5:2-11; 1 Peter 1:13-16; 5:8-9.