

主所疼愛的教會 (二)
不妥協的別迦摩教會

The Non-compromising Church of Pergamum

啓示錄 Revelation 2:12-17

亞力山太圖書館

Library of Alexandria



浦草 = 草紙 Papyrus = Paper



主前3世紀 3rd Century B.C.

羊皮卷因此發明Parchment Invented



1. 充滿活力的城市

A CITY OF VITALITY

富有的亞洲城市 A Rich Asian City

- 離以弗所85哩**
- 85 miles from Ephesus**
- 離士每拿55哩**
- 55 miles from Smyrna**
- 圖書館藏書二十萬卷**
- A library of 200,000 parchment rolls**

- 自主前29年即為凱撒之“廟祝”
- Neokoros (temple keeper) to the godhead of Caesar began in 29 B.C.
- 以古代社會四大神社聞名
- Temples to Athena, Dionysus, Zeus, Asclepius

藥神救主 *Asclepios Soter (Savior)*



今日常見標誌 Ancient Symbols



Colourbox

— ∞ —
LAWYER
— ∞ —

兩刃利劍 The Two Edged Sword



- 羅馬至急總督有生殺之權 (*ius gladii*) = power of life and death
- 基督最終掌握生死之權柄 Christ is the ultimate controller of life and death

路加福音 Luke12:4-5

- 4 我的朋友，我對你們說，那殺身體以後不能再作甚麼的，不要怕他們。
I tell you, my friends, do not be afraid of those who kill the body and after that can do no more.
- 5 我要指示你們當怕的是誰：當怕那殺了以後又有權柄丟在地獄裡的。我實在告訴你們，正要怕他。
But I will show you whom you should fear: Fear him who, after the killing of the body, has power to throw you into hell. Yes, I tell you, fear him.

2. 妥協了的教會

A CHURCH THAT COMPROMISED

巴蘭 = 尼哥拉黨

Balaam = Nicolaitan

- 尼哥拉黨是何人？

Who were the Nicolaitans?

進猶太教的安提亞人尼哥拉 (徒 6:5)

Nicolas of Antioch. A proselyte of Judaism.

希臘文Greek: *Nikan* (之上 above) *Laos* (民眾 people)

希伯來文: *Bela* (之上 above) *Ha'am* (民眾 people)

- 泛指使人失腳的假師傅

Broadly refers to false teacher who causes others to stumble

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- **Irenaeus (130-202 AD)**
Hippolytus (170-235 AD)
Clement of Alexandria (150-215 AD)
記述尼哥拉提倡不守規律的不道德生活.
Records the unruly practice of immoral living by the Nicolaitans
- **尼哥拉黨相信甚麼? What do Nicolaitans believe?**
巴蘭的教訓. The teaching of Balaam.

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民數記 Numbers 25:1-3

- 1 以色列人住在什亭，百姓與摩押女子行起淫亂。 While Israel was staying in Shittim, the men began to **indulge in sexual immorality** with Moabite women,
- 2 因為這女子叫百姓來，一同給他們的神獻祭，百姓就吃他們的祭物，跪拜他們的神。 who invited them to **the sacrifices to their gods**. The people ate and **bowed down before these gods**.
- 3 以色列人與巴力毘珥連合，耶和華的怒氣就向以色列人發作。 So Israel joined in worshiping the Baal of Peor. And the Lord 's anger burned against them.

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- **巴蘭的教訓是怎樣的？**

What is the teaching of Balaam?

吃祭偶像之物 Eat food offered to idols

行姦淫的事 Promote fornication

- **與徒 15:28-29使徒的教訓相違背**

In opposition to the Apostle's teaching in Acts 15:28-29

使徒行傳 Acts 15:28-29a

- 28 因為聖靈和我們定意不將別的重擔放在你們身上；惟有幾件事是**不可少的**，

It seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us not to burden you with anything beyond the following **requirements**:

- 29 就是禁戒**祭偶像的物**和血，並勒死的牲畜和**姦淫**。

You are to **abstain from food sacrificed to idols**, from blood, from the meat of strangled animals and from **sexual immorality**.

不可妥協的教導

Teaching of No Compromise

詩篇 Psalm 119:1-4

- 1 行為完全、遵行耶和華律法的，這人便為有福！
Blessed are they whose ways are **blameless**, who walk according to the law of the Lord .
- 2 遵守他的法度、一心尋求他的，這人便為有福！ Blessed are they who **keep his statutes** and seek him with all their heart.
- 3 這人不做非義的事，但遵行他的道。
They **do nothing wrong**; they walk in his ways.
- 4 耶和華啊，你曾將你的訓詞吩咐我們，為要我們殷勤遵守。
You have laid down precepts that are **to be fully obeyed**.

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Teaching of No Compromise

馬可福音 Mark 4:18-19

- 18 還有那撒在荊棘裡的，就是人聽了道，
Still others, like seed sown among thorns, hear the word;
- 19 後來有世上的思慮、錢財的迷惑，和別樣的私慾進來，把道擠住了，就不能結實。

but the worries of this life, the deceitfulness of wealth and the desires for other things come in and choke the word, making it unfruitful.

不可妥協的教導

Teaching of No Compromise

約翰一書 1 John 5:3

- 3 我們遵守神的誡命，這就是愛他了，並且他的誡命不是難守的。

This is **love for God**: to **obey** his commands. And his commands are **not burdensome**,

- 愛主之心使主的規律感覺輕省(如戀愛中人)
LOVE makes the keeping NOT burdensome

沒有**立場**的講員

The Politically Correct Speaker



3. 得勝的基督徒

CHRISTIANS WHO TRIUMPHED

1. 作一個勇敢的見證者

Be a Strong Christian Witness

- 13... 當我忠心的見證人安提帕在你們中間、撒但所住的地方被殺之時，你還堅守我的名，沒有棄絕我的道。

“... 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.

- 堅守基督的名 Hold fast to Christ's name
- 至死忠心為主 Witness to the point of death

見證 = 殉道 Witness = Martyrdom

- *Mar'tus* [G3144] = 見證人
- According to Webster's Collegiate Dictionary:
ME from OE from LL from Greek *martyr*,
martys witness
- “見證人” 變成 “殉道者” = 以生命見證信仰的人 -- 你的生命有見證主嗎?
From “witness” to “martyr” = one who testifies to the faith through life

士每拿的坡旅甲
Polycarp of Smyrna
(AD 69-155)

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- The Roman proconsul took pity on Polycarp and urged him to recant. All he had to do was say, “Caesar is Lord,” and offer a little bit of incense to Caesar’s statue, and he would live. Polycarp’s stalwart response: “**Eighty-six years I have served Christ, and He never did me any wrong. How can I blaspheme my King who saved me?**” So he was taken to the place of execution.

2. 警醒屬靈爭戰

Engage in Spiritual Warfare

- 13 “我知道你的居所 [G2730] , 就是有撒旦座位之處.”
“ I know where you dwell [G2730] , where Satan's throne is.
- *Kat-oiko* (永久居所 permanent dwelling) vs. *paroikenin* (暫時寄居之處 temporary dwelling)
- 我們生活在撒旦有寶座之處
We live in the realm where Satan has his throne
- 要警醒爭戰 Be alert and watchful in this warfare
- 不要妥協, 要得勝 Never compromise, only victory

柏林博物館: 士每拿的宇斯祭壇

Altar of Zeus from Smyrna (Berlin Museum)



以弗所書 Ephesians 6:11-13

- 11 要穿戴神所賜的全副軍裝，就能抵擋魔鬼的詭計。
Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes.
- 12 因我們並不是與屬血氣的爭戰，乃是與那些執政的、掌權的、管轄這幽暗世界的，以及天空屬靈氣的惡魔爭戰。

For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, **against** the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual **forces of evil in the heavenly realms.**

- 13 所以，要拿起神所賜的全副軍裝，好在磨難的日子抵擋仇敵，並且成就了一切，還能站立得住。
Therefore **put on the full armor of God**, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to **stand your ground**, and after you have done everything, **to stand.**

3. 要做聖徒 Be a Saint

- “... **聖徒**的體統” (弗 5:3)
“... As is Proper Among Saints” (Eph 5:3)
- 聖徒 = *Hagios*
- 新約聖經對**基督徒**的統稱
A term in the NT referring to **Christian**
- *Hagios* = **分別出來** **set apart**



WORD OF THE DAY

with
Rod Ovitt

Please Click on Picture to Play HAGIOS

哥林多後書 2 Corinthians 6:17-18

- 17 又說：你們務要從他們中間**出來**，與他們**分別**；**不要沾不潔淨**的物，我就收納你們。

"Therefore come out from them and **be separate**, says the Lord. **Touch no unclean thing**, and I will receive you."

- 18 我要作你們的父；你們要**作我的兒女**。這是全能的主說的。

"I will be a Father to you, and you **will be my sons and daughters**, says the Lord Almighty."

主必獎賞你 God will Reward You

隱藏的嗎哪 Hidden Manna



主必同在 Intimate Presence of God



白石 A White Stone “*tesserae*”



約翰一書 1 John 5:4

- 4 因為凡從神生的，就勝過世界；使我們勝了世界的，就是我們的信心。

(NLT) For every child of God defeats this evil world, and we achieve this **victory through our faith.**