

STAND FIRM

Revelation 2:12-17

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Main Idea: In the midst of pressure, the Church must stand firm on God's Word to experience His gifts and not His punishment.

1. The Church's Praise: You are Holding onto My Name (vv. 12-13)

- a. Despite your satanic context (v. 13)
- b. Despite your personal sacrifice (v. 13)

2. The Church's Peril: You are Compromising My Word (vv. 14-16)

- a. Jesus' Confrontation:
 - i. Some hold the teaching of Balaam (v. 14; Numbers 31:16)
 - ii. Some hold the teaching of the Nicolaitans (v. 15)
- b. Jesus' Command: "Repent!" (v. 16a)
- c. The False Teacher's Consequence (vv. 12, 16b)

3. The Church's Prize: You Will Receive My Gifts (v. 17)

- a. Hidden Manna
- b. White Stone
- c. New Name