

# VBF Study in Revelation

## Lesson 14 Revelation 2:16-17

As you read through Revelation and begin this study, ask God to open your heart. As the Psalmist prayed: "Open my eyes, that I may behold Wonderful things from Thy law" (Psalm 119:18).

**Assignment:** Read through Revelation chapter 2 and attempt to answer the following discussion questions from the text alone.

**Questions:**

1. Review: From your last lesson, what do you think the phrase "The One who has the sharp two-edged sword" means and who is it referring to?
  
2. Review: What was *Satan's throne* referring to in Rev 2:13?
  
- 2B. Review: What were those in Pergamum commended for?
  
3. Review: What was the teaching of the Nicolaitans (2:14-15) and how does Christ feel about it (2:6) and what will He do about it (2:16)? Explain
  
4. How does John 8:47 and 10:26-28 help us understand 2:17a? Are you hearing what the Spirit of God says (2:17a) through the written Word of God (2:12-16)? Explain.
  
5. Make observations concerning manna from the following verses concerning manna:
  - a. Exodus chapter 16
  
  - b. Duet 8:2-3, 8:15-16
  
  - c. Joshua 5:12
  
  - d. Psalm 78:24-25

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- e. Hebrews 9:3-4
  - f. John 6:31-58
  - g. Revelation 2:17 (C.f. 2:14)
6. Thinking of your last answer and the context (Rev 2:12-17), what do you think this “hidden manna” is? (I.e. “what is it?”)
7. Make four observations concerning the stone given to those who overcome (2:17).
8. Note the similarities and differences between 2:17b to 19:12b
- Lexical note:* Now it is important to note that in Greek there are two words which we have translated “new”, *neos* and *kainos*. *Neos* refers to something as new in the sense of time, something that has recently come into existence (cf. Mat. 9:17; 1Cor 5:7). Now *kainos* usually speaks of newness in the sense of freshness, difference or quality, but not necessarily new in time (cf. 2 Cor 5:17). **This explains how we can be a new creation continually.** That is, we are a new creation and continue to be in terms of quality not in reference to time. Now you can probably guess what word is used in the term New Covenant...it is *kainos*. And in our passage the word translated “new” in Revelation 2:17 is *kainos*
9. Thinking of the context, the above note and your previous answers, what do you think is the significance of a special new name?
10. How is it John says one overcomes (1John 5:4-5)? Will you receive hidden manna and a new name? Why?