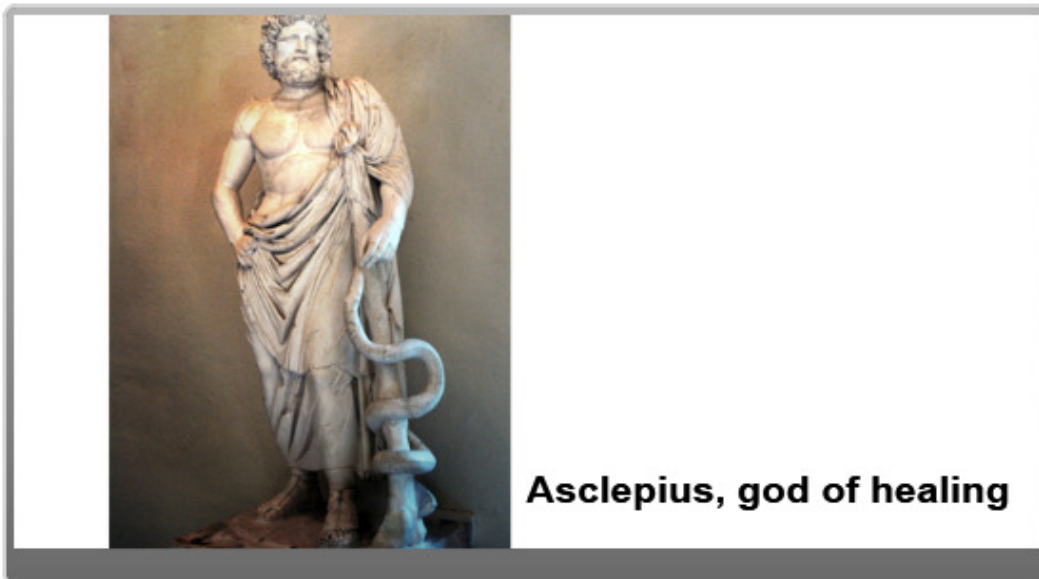




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Commendation

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13 "I know where you dwell, where Satan's throne is. 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.

Condemnation

Revelation 2:12-17

14 But I have a few things against you: you have some there who hold the teaching of Balaam, who taught Balak to put a stumbling block before the sons of Israel, so that they might eat food sacrificed to idols and practice sexual immorality. **15** So also you have some who hold the teaching of the Nicolaitans.

The Christ of the Bible is an authoritative Adviser as well as an atoning Savior. So if we try to receive him as an atoning Savior and reject him as an authoritative Adviser, all we receive is an imaginary Christ, while rejecting the Christ of the Bible.

-John Piper

**How might we become
like Pergamum?**

Pergamum is indicted for harboring a group of compromisers. An overemphasis on internal doctrinal purity can lead to a lack of concern for the outside world, whereas a de-emphasis can lead to an over identification with the world. -G.K. Beale

In our effort to be compassionate we cannot embrace sin.

How might we become like Pergamum?

-Are we compromising sexually?

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**-Is our identity formed by Christ or by
culture?**

How might we become like Pergamum?

-Are we compromising socially?

How might we become like Pergamum?

-Are we compromising biblically?

**If God is perfect and we are not,
then at some point the Bible will
offend us. –Tim Keller**

Counsel

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16 Therefore repent. If not, I will come to you soon and war against them with the sword of my mouth. 17 He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.

Challenge

Revelation 2:12-17

To the one who conquers I will give some of the hidden manna, and I will give him a white stone, with a new name written on the stone that no one knows except the one who receives it.'