Looking Like The Culture

Revelation 2:12-17
Introduction

Definition of Culture*:

1. Refinement of mind, tastes, and manners; artistic and intellectual development

2. Distinctive customs, achievements, products, outlook...way of life

*Oxford English Dictionary, 6th Ed
Our Study
Revelation 2:12-17

v. 12a Address

v. 12b Speaker

v. 13-15 Hidden Knowledge

v. 16 The Cure

v. 17 Encouragement
Address
Verse 12a

“Angel”

... refers to the lead elder of the church
Sacred Walkway to the Acropolis
Some of the Fortifications
Gymnasium of Pergamum
The Library Ruins
Ruins – Temple of Trajan
Ruins – Temple of Athena
Ruins – Altar of Zeus
Ruins – Temple of Demeter
Ruins – Temple of Dionysus
Ruins – Temple of Serapis
Temple of Asclepius - Covered Walkway
Symbol of Asclepius – a snake
Asclepius Sacred Passageway
The Speaker
Verse 12b

“Has the sharp two-edged sword . . .”

. . . refers to Jesus Christ

. . . Revelation 1:16; 19:15
“Satan’s Throne . . . Satan dwells . . .”

. . . refers to all of the pagan gods
“Antipas . . .”

. . . reportedly was martyred by being roasted in a brass bull
The Hidden Knowledge Revealed
Rev. 2:13

“... in the days of . . .”

... reveals things are different now
The Hidden Knowledge Revealed
Rev. 2:14-15

They tolerated two errors . . .

1. Teaching of Balaam – Num. 25:1-9; 31:16

2. Teaching of the Nicolaitans – Acts 6:5
The Hidden Knowledge Revealed
Rev. 2:14-15

Did They Forget?. . .

. . . 1 Cor. 7:39
. . . 1 Thess. 4:3
. . . 2 Cor. 6:14
. . . Col. 1:15
. . . Deut. 7:3-4
. . . 1 Cor. 6:18
. . . Col. 3:5
The Hidden Knowledge Revealed
Rev. 2:14-15

They did forget . . .

. . . King Solomon’s error?
The Hidden Knowledge Revealed
Rev. 2:14-15

Did they forget?

. . . Or, did not care?????
The Hidden Knowledge Revealed

Rev. 2:16

So Jesus calls them . . .

. . . to repent

. . . or ELSE
Three rewards . . .

. . . hidden manna

. . . white stone
The White Stone – In Pergamum
Three rewards . . .

. . . hidden manna

. . . white stone

. . . new name
Conclusion

Are You Caught?  - 1 John 2:15-17

- Repent
- Bath yourself in scripture
- Be filled with the Spirit
- Pray continually