

SWORDS DIVIDE!

If we were to break down the purpose of a sword to its most literal and fundamental use, we would see that the purpose of a sword is to divide!

If I were to use a sword on an apple, my intent would be to divide it, to cut it. If I lived in a country opposed to my faith in Jesus Christ, and I faced martyrdom by sword, then the purpose of the one wielding the sword would be to divide my head from the rest of my body.



As Christ delivers his message to the church at Pergamum, he wants them to realize that he is standing over them with his sharp two-edged sword drawn. His sword will divide as it brings justice, dividing between life and death, blessing and cursing. Forgiveness and mercy will fall on those who **RECEIVE HIS WORDS AND REPENT**. Condemnation and judgment will fall on those who **REFUSE TO REPENT**.

- (Revelation 2:12 ESV) And to the angel of the church in Pergamum write: “The words of him who has the sharp two-edged sword.”
- (Revelation 2:16 ESV) Therefore repent. If not, I will come to you soon and war against them with the sword of my mouth.

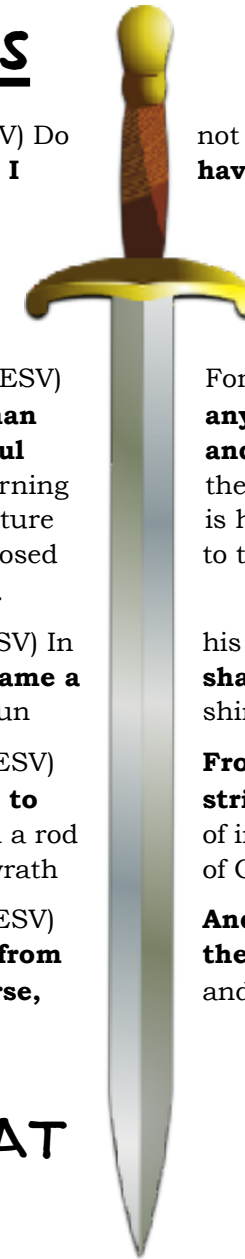
Jesus Christ will fight for us or against us. Justice will be served. This is why he says in Matthew 10:34 that he has not come to bring peace, but a sword. He only brings peace to those who **RECEIVE** his words, **BELIEVE** his words and **REPENT** of their sins. For those who **REFUSE** his words he brings war and judgment.

The message to the church at Pergamum is to repent, and if they refuse to repent, then he will war against them with his sharp two-edged sword—the words of his mouth.

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- Matthew 10:34 ESV) Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth. **I but a sword.**
- (Ephesians 6:17 ESV) And take the helmet of **salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.**
- (Hebrews 4:12–13 ESV) **For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning heart.** And no creature are naked and exposed must give account.
- (Revelation 1:16 ESV) In **from his mouth came a face was like the sun**
- (Revelation 19:15 ESV) **sharp sword with which to will rule them with a rod of the fury of the wrath**
- (Revelation 19:21 ESV) **And the rest were slain by the sword that came from sitting on the horse, their flesh.**



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his right hand he held seven stars, **sharp two-edged sword,** and his shining in full strength.

From his mouth comes a sharp strike down the nations, and he of iron. He will tread the winepress of God the Almighty.

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