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Sardis -The Dead Church

Revelation 3:1- 6

Read Revelation 3:1-6

Vs. 1 *And unto the angel of the church of Sardis writ: These things saith he that hath the seven Spirits of God, and the seven stars; I know thy works, that thou hast a name that thou livest a nd art dead.*

The description at the end of verse 1 verifies the author in this letter to be God and John is the messenger: when we read the phrase; "These are the words of him who holds the seven spirits of God and the seven stars." Only Jesus has the seven spirits (or "seven-fold Spirit," meaning the complete or perfect Spirit of God), and only Jesus holds the seven stars, i.e., the seven angels (or pastors) of the seven churches (Revelation 1:20).

4 Things about Sardis

- Her works (v1)
- Having a name that she lives but s dead (v1)
- Works not perfect before God (v 2)
- Few Godly members (v4)

Five commands to Sardis

- Be watchful
- Strengthen the things which remain (v 2)
- Remember your teaching (v 3)
- Hold fast (v 3; note Heb. 3:6)
- Repent (v 3, 19. 2:5; 16, 21, 22)

Revelation 3:2 *Be watchful and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die; for I have not found thy works perfect before God.*

This verse speaks of Accountability; which is held in high regard with God. It is the most essential part to our salvation and without it we cannot

reach new levels of growth or experience God in the fullness of who He is.

Revelation 3:3 - *Remember therefore, how thou hast received and heard, and hold fast, and repent. If therefore, thou shalt not watch, I will come on thee as a thief, and thou shalt not know hour I will come on thee.*

This scripture speaks of receiving the Word. Regardless how well the sermon or Bible Study is prepared, it will be of no effect, to the hearer if they don't receive and apply it.

Vs. 4 *Thou hast a few names even in Sardis which have not defiled their garments; and they shall walk with me in white; for they are worthy.*

God has a remnant. In every age of time, there has always been a remnant of people who chose to serve God. In every dispensational time period of man's existence, there has been a remaining elect few who serve God (I Kings 19:18 – Matt 7:14).

Vs. 5 He that overcometh; the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels.

4 Promises to the Overcomer

- Walk with me in white (v 4)
- Be clothed in white raiment (v 5; 18, 4:4; 6:11; 7:9; 13 15:6; 19:8, 14)
- I will not blot his name out the book of life (v 5. 22:18-19; Ex. 32:32; Ps. 69:28)
- I will confess his name before my Father and the angels. (v 5)

Vs. 6 *He that hat an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.*

Once again, these words, only used by the Lord, underscore something very important. It's as if He's saying, "Pay attention now. This part is not optional." For each church, a clear choice is given and each church is admonished to comprehend it.

The ultimate desire and will of the Lord for His church is for her to be lively stones in the building. Anytime a church becomes accustomed to worldliness and worldly living under the pretense of Christendom, she is headed for trouble. The blood washed believers of Jesus Christ must make a difference in the world through Godly, holy living and conduct.