



"The Message to the Church at Sardis -Part 2"

Revelation 3:4-6

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INTRODUCTION:

"1 **And to the angel of the church in Sardis write: 'The words of him who has the seven spirits of God and the seven stars. 'I know your works. You have the reputation of being alive, but you are dead. 2 Wake up, and strengthen what remains and is about to die, for I have not found your works complete in the sight of my God. 3 Remember, then, what you received and heard. Keep it, and repent. If you will not wake up, I will come like a thief, and you will not know at what hour I will come against you. 4 Yet you have still a few names in Sardis, people who have not soiled their garments, and they will walk with me in white, for they are worthy. 5 The one who conquers will be clothed thus in white garments, and I will never blot his name out of the book of life. I will confess his name before my Father and before his angels. 6 He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.'**" [Rev 3:1-6 ESV]

1. There is grave danger if we live for the _____ of men.

1) **The City of Sardis had a reputation of being alive when they were _____ dead.**

(1) **The Son of God knows if you are doing _____ for people to see.**

"I know your works. You have the reputation of being alive, but you are dead. v1

🕯️ "3 for we are the [true] circumcision, who worship in the Spirit of God and glory in Christ Jesus and put no confidence in the flesh," [Phl 3:3 NASB95]

(2) **God knows the dark you _____ from others and won't _____ to yourself for reputation sake.**

🕯️ "3 for we are the [true] circumcision, who worship in the Spirit of God and glory in Christ Jesus and put no confidence in the flesh, 4 although I myself might have confidence even in the flesh. If anyone else has a mind to put confidence in the flesh, I far more: 5 circumcised the eighth day, of the nation of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the Law, a Pharisee; 6 as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to the righteousness which is in the Law, found blameless." [Phl 3:3-6]

2) **Wake up to the reality of the _____.**

2 Wake up, and strengthen what remains and is about to die, for I have not found your works complete in the sight of my God. 3 Remember, then, what you received and heard. Keep it, and repent. If you will not wake up, I will come like a thief, and you will not know at what hour I will come against you. v2&3

✳️ **Wake up from every altered _____ state.**

🕯️ "1 Now the serpent was more crafty than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said to the woman, **"Indeed, has God said, ..."** [Gen 3:1 NASB95]

➤ What is a woman? Someone who identifies as a woman! Answering a question with a question

➤ Zoanthropy and Lycanthropy

2. The genuine believers are recognized by their _____.

1) **The church has many people in _____ garments and a few in _____ garments.**

(1) **The majority of the church members lack _____ and are viewed in soiled garments.**

Yet you have still a few names in Sardis, people who have not soiled their garments, v4a

🕯️ "21 keep yourselves in the love of God, waiting anxiously for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to eternal life. 22 And have mercy on some, who are doubting; 23 save others, snatching them out of the fire; and on some have mercy with fear, hating even **the garment polluted by the flesh.**" [Jde 1:21-23 NASB95]

(2) **There is a remnant of persons whose works are _____.**

and they will walk with me in white, for they are worthy. v4b

👤 "7 "Let us rejoice and be glad and give the glory to Him, for the marriage of the Lamb has come and His bride has made herself ready." 8 **It was given to her** to clothe herself in fine linen, bright [and] clean; **for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints.**" [Rev 19:7-8 NASB95]

(3) **A person's works reveal what he truly _____.**

"4 'But you have a few people in Sardis who have not soiled their garments; and they will walk with Me in white, for they are worthy.' [Rev 3:4 NASB95] v4

👤 "8 More than that, I count all things to be loss in view of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them but rubbish so that **I may gain Christ**, 9 and **may be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own** derived from [the] Law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which [comes] from God on the basis of faith," [Phl 3:8-9 NASB95]

2) Only those who are clothed in the _____ of Christ will overcome.

"5 'He who overcomes will thus be clothed in white garments; and I will not erase his name from the book of life, and I will confess his name before My Father and before His angels.' v5

A genuine believer...

(1) **...will be identified by his white garment [righteous _____].**

👤 "4 For whatever is born of God overcomes the world; and this is the victory that has overcome the world--our faith. 5 Who is the one who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?" [1Jo 5:4-5 NASB95]

(2) **...will not be erased from the _____ of _____.**

The book of life is...

✳ **...a _____ book among books.**

👤 "12 And I saw the dead, the great and the small, standing before the throne, and **books were opened**; and **another book was opened**, which is **[the book] of life**; and the dead were judged from the things which were written in the books, according to their deeds." [Rev 20:12 NASB95]

✳ **...the _____ book.**

👤 "8 All who dwell on the earth will worship him, [everyone] whose name has not been written from the foundation of the world in the book of life of **the Lamb who has been slain.**" [Rev 13:8 NASB95]

✳ **...enrolled with names in it "from the _____ of the world."**

👤 "8 "The beast that you saw was, and is not, and is about to come up out of the abyss and go to destruction. And those who dwell on the earth, whose name has not been written in the book of life from the foundation of the world, will wonder when they see the beast, that he was and is not and will come." [Rev 17:8 NASB95]

(3) **...will be confessed by _____ by the Son of God before the Father and His angels.**

👤 "32 "Therefore everyone who confesses Me before men, I will also confess him before My Father who is in heaven. 33 "But whoever denies Me before men, I will also deny him before My Father who is in heaven." [Mat 10:32-33 NASB95]

👤 "8 "And I say to you, everyone who confesses Me before men, the Son of Man will confess him also before the angels of God; 9 but he who denies Me before men will be denied before the angels of God." [Luk 12:8-9 NASB95]

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3) Christ taught that the genuine believer will be known by his _____.

🕯️ "15 "Beware of the false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly are ravenous wolves. 16 **"You will know them by their fruits.** Grapes are not gathered from thorn [bushes] nor figs from thistles, are they? 17 "So every good tree bears good fruit, but the bad tree bears bad fruit." [Mat 7:15-17 NASB95]

3. Our Savior has the knowledge and authority to _____ our mortal bodies..

1) The seven angels deliver the message and the Holy Spirit _____.

‘He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.’ v3

🕯️ "1 "To the angel of the church in Sardis write: **He who has the seven Spirits of God** and the seven stars, says this: 'I know your deeds, that you have a name that you are alive, but you are dead.' [Rev 3:1 NASB95]

2) Do we hear what the Spirit is _____?

"To the angel of the church in Sardis write: He who has the seven Spirits of God and the seven stars, says this: 'I know your deeds, that you have a name that you are alive, but you are dead.

🕯️ "4 John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace, from Him who is and who was and who is to come, and **from the seven Spirits who are before His throne**, 5 and **from Jesus Christ**, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To Him **who loves us and released us from our sins by His blood--**" [Rev 1:4-5 NASB95]

3) The overcomer hears the Holy Spirit's _____.

"13 "But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth; for He will not speak on His own initiative, but whatever He hears, He will speak; and He will disclose to you what is to come." [Jhn 16:13 NASB95]. v1

✳️ **The Holy Spirit communicates God the Father's and Jesus Christ's _____.**

🕯️ 1 Then a shoot will spring from the stem of Jesse, And a branch from his roots will bear fruit. 2 The Spirit of the LORD will rest on Him, The spirit of wisdom and understanding, The spirit of counsel and strength, The spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. [Isa 11:1-2]

(1) THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD

(2) THE SPIRIT OF WISDOM

(3) THE SPIRIT OF UNDERSTANDING

(4) THE SPIRIT OF COUNSEL

(5) THE SPIRIT OF STRENGTH

(6) THE SPIRIT OF KNOWLEDGE

(7) THE FEAR OF THE LORD

✳️ **The Apostle Paul shows us what to wake up and _____ looks like.**

🕯️ "7 But whatever things were gain to me, those things I have counted as loss for the sake of Christ. 8 More than that, I count all things to be loss in view of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them but rubbish so that I may gain Christ, 9 and may be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own derived from [the] Law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which [comes] from God on the basis of faith, 10 that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death; 11 in order that I may attain to the resurrection from the dead. 12 Not that I have already obtained [it] or have already become perfect, but I press on so that I may lay hold of that for which also I was laid hold of by Christ Jesus. 13 Brethren, I do not regard myself as having laid hold of [it] yet; but one thing [I do:] forgetting what [lies] behind and reaching forward to what [lies] ahead, 14 I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus." [Phl 3:7-14]