

Guide & Record of your thoughts

1/10/2010 Week 7 - Revelation 3:1 - 6

Following the Message:

1. (3:1) The “seven spirits” are a symbol of the Holy Spirit in His fullness
2. (3:1) To the church at Sardis Jesus said, I know your deeds, that you have a name, that you are alive, but you are dead.
3. (3:1) A church is dying when it:
 - is content to rest on its past, rather than looking ahead to God’s calling;
 - focuses on curing social troubles rather than teaching Bible truth;
 - is more concerned with material rather than spiritual things;
 - is more concerned with what men think than what God directs; and
 - Loses its conviction that every word of the Bible is the word of God Himself.
4. (3:2) The need of the Sardis church was to wake up and face her failure; to feel the dullness of her services; and smell the deadness of her life.
5. (3:3) The church at Sardis needed to:
 - strengthen the things (the spiritual realities) that remain;
 - remember what they had received and heard;
 - keep (obey) the truths of Scripture; and
 - repent - confess and turn away from their sins.
6. (3:3) If the church didn’t wake up, the Lord would come like a thief and administer special judgment.
7. (3:4) Some are considered worthy to walk with Jesus and wear white garments. They were not worthy because they lived good moral lives, but because their sins were washed in the blood of

the Lamb.

8. (3:5) The Lord promised three things to overcomers.
 - We will wear white garments representing purity and holiness;
 - Our names would never be erased/removed from the Book of Life
 - Our names will be confessed before the Father and to the angels of God.

Reflecting on the Text:

Compare our church to the five churches studied so far in Revelation. Are there any parallels?

Church	Description	Praised for:	Warned about:
Ephesus (2:1-7)	The Loveless church	Labor, patience, not bearing those who are evil, testing false apostles, perseverance, hating the deeds of the Nicolaitans	Leaving their first love
Smyrna (2:8-11)	The Persecuted church	Tribulation, poverty	Faithfulness under persecution
Pergamum (2:12-17)	The Compromising church	Holding fast to Christ’s name, not denying the faith even faced with martyrdom	Allowing false teaching having to do with immorality and idolatry. Holding to the doctrine of the Nicolaitans
Thyatira (2:18-29)	The Corrupt church	Love, service, faith, patience	Allowing Jezebel to teach and seduce to immorality and idolatry. Holding fast and overcoming
Sardis (3:1-6)	The Dead church	A few faithful people	Dead, even though they had a reputation for being alive