



Revelation 3:1-6

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. ²Wake up, and strengthen what remains and is about to die, for I have not found your works complete in the sight of my God. ³Remember, 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. ⁴Yet 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. ⁵The 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. ⁶He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.’

Description of Jesus:

- The words of him:
 - Who has the seven spirits of God
 - The one who has authority over _____
 - [and who has] the seven stars
 - The one who has _____
 - _____
 - _____

“I Know...”

- Your Works...
 - You have a _____ for being alive, BUT...

• YOU ARE _____

Commands to Sardis

- Wake Up! _____
- Strengthen _____
- Remember _____
- Keep _____

“I Come Like a Thief”

“For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night.” 1 Thessalonians 5:2

_____ Garments

There were still a few in Sardis who had not soiled their garments. What does it mean that some had “soiled” their garments?

_____ Garments

To the One Who Conquers...

- _____ in white garments
- Name in the _____
- Name _____ before the Father

Christ criticizes the majority of the Sardian Christians for being spiritually asleep; so they must repent and return to their earlier spiritual liveliness.

Revelation 3:7-13

⁷“And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write: ‘The words of the holy one, the true one, who has the key of David, who opens and no one will shut, who shuts and no one opens.

⁸“ ‘I know your works. Behold, I have set before you an open door, which no one is able to shut. I know that you have but little power, and yet you have kept my word and have not denied my name. ⁹Behold, I will make those of the synagogue of Satan who say that they are Jews

and are not, but lie—behold, I will make them come and bow down before your feet, and they will learn that I have loved you. ¹⁰ Because you have kept my word about patient endurance, I will keep you from the hour of trial that is coming on the whole world, to try those who dwell on the earth. ¹¹ I am coming soon. Hold fast what you have, so that no one may seize your crown. ¹² The one who conquers, I will make him a pillar in the temple of my God. Never shall he go out of it, and I will write on him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, the new Jerusalem, which comes down from my God out of heaven, and my own new name. ¹³ He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.'

Description of Jesus:

- The words of:
 - The _____
 - The _____
 - [The One] who has the _____
 - [The One} who _____ ...
Who _____

“I know...”

- You have little _____

“You Have Kept My Word...”

- You have not _____
my name
- About _____

The Synagogue of Satan

- Will _____ before the church
- Will know that Jesus has _____ the church

“I AM Coming Soon”

- Hold Fast!
 - That no one may _____ your crown

The one who conquers...

- A _____ in the temple
- Will write on him...

- The _____ of God (Family)
- The name of _____ of God (Citizenship)
- The _____ of Jesus (Royal Kinship)

Christ encourages the congregation of Philadelphia to take heart that the open door to heaven is theirs despite human and satanic hostility and to “hold on” as Christ promises to protect them in the face of a coming worldwide trial.

Revelation 3:14-22

¹⁴ “And to the angel of the church in Laodicea write: ‘The words of the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of God’s creation.

¹⁵ “ ‘I know your works: you are neither cold nor hot. Would that you were either cold or hot! ¹⁶ So, because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of my mouth. ¹⁷ For you say, I am rich, I have prospered, and I need nothing, not realizing that you are wretched, pitiable, poor, blind, and naked. ¹⁸ I counsel you to buy from me gold refined by fire, so that you may be rich, and white garments so that you may clothe yourself and the shame of your nakedness may not be seen, and salve to anoint your eyes, so that you may see. ¹⁹ Those whom I love, I reprove and discipline, so be zealous and repent. ²⁰ Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me. ²¹ The one who conquers, I will grant him to sit with me on my throne, as I also conquered and sat down with my Father on his throne. ²² He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.’ ”

Description of Jesus:

- The words of:
 - The _____ (The _____)
 - The _____ & _____ Witness
 - The _____ of God’s creation

“I know...”

- You are neither _____

Hot or Cold

What is your reaction when:

- You think you are about to drink a hot cup of coffee, but it is actually cold? _____

- You are looking forward to a nice cold glass of milk, but instead it is room temperature? _____

*"The Laodiceans were lukewarm in the sense that their Christianity provided neither healing (hot) for the spiritually sick nor refreshment (cold) for those who were spiritually weary. Thus they were offensive to God."
Robert Mounce*

Claims of Laodicea

- I am _____
- I have _____
- I _____ nothing

They were "self-sufficient," had no need for God

Jesus' Assessment

- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____

Jesus' Counsel

Buy from me:

- _____ refined by fire
 - That they may be "rich"
- White _____
 - That they may clothe themselves and their nakedness (shame)
- _____
 - That they may see

Those whom I love, I reprove and discipline, so be zealous and repent.

Revelation 3:19

Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me.

Revelation 3:20

To the one who conquers...

- Sit with me on my throne
 - As I also _____
 - And _____

The church of Laodicea is guilty of such self-sufficiency that they must repent and receive Christ's provision of righteousness in order to again experience intimate fellowship with him

Messages to the Churches

- Ephesus: Love Greatly
- Smyrna: Be Steadfast in Persecution
- Pergamum: Hold to the Truth
- Thyatira: Be Morally Pure
- Sardis: _____
- Philadelphia: _____
- Laodicea: _____