

“The Seven Churches” Part 3

Revelation 3

I. The Churches that JESUS addressed in Revelation 2 were:

1. The Church at Ephesus – the _____ Church. **V.1-7**
2. The Church at Smyrna – the _____ Church. **V.8-11**
3. The Church at Pergamos – the _____ Church. **V.12-17**
4. The Church at Thyatira – the _____ Church. **V.18-29**

II. The Church at Sardis was seen as the _____ Church. **3:1-6**

1. JESUS said to this church that HE knew their _____. **V.1**
2. HE said they had a name (_____) as being alive. In this city this group of Christians were seen as being vital, _____, fun to be with, _____, and _____.
3. JESUS saw this community of Believers differently. HE saw them as _____. They are not sick, but dead, _____. They were _____, _____, too far gone, and GOD’s Spirit had _____.
4. BUT JESUS told them to _____ !!! **V.2** Luke 7:11-17, Mt. 9:18-26, John 11:1-44 Can JESUS _____ the dead? WHO has the _____ to Death and Hell? Rev.1:18, 3:7 HE who has the keys has the _____.
- A. HE said to _____; strengthen what remained. (about? embers?)
- B. They had _____ doing the things that brought life. **“completed”**
- C. HE told them to _____ ... what they had _____ ... and what they had _____. **V.3**
- D. JESUS told them to do it, to _____ it, and to repent. (turn around)
- E. If they did not wake up, if we do not wake up, if our _____ does not wake up, if our _____ does not wake up ... JESUS will come _____, and unexpectedly, and deal harshly with and bring judgement to the dead, unrepentant church. _____ you live, and the state of your _____ is very important to JESUS.
5. JESUS stated that there were only _____ Christians in Sardis that had not _____ and soiled their lives with ungodly living. **V.4** Spiritually speaking _____ on the outside, reveal greater _____ on the inside. **Romans 13:14** It is a _____.
6. There is great _____ for all churches, and for all Believers, no matter how far they have fallen. JESUS says, “_____, dress with my Righteousness, and one day I will _____ your name before MY Father and HIS Angels.” **V.5-6**

III. The Church of Philadelphia was the _____ Church. **V.7-13**

1. The Savior said, "I know your deeds. **V.8** I have placed before you an _____, which no one could shut."
2. He stated that HE knew they had little _____, (2 Cor. 12:10) but had kept HIS Word, and had not _____ HIS Name. (under pressure)
3. HE promised that those in that Synagogue of Satan, who said they were _____, (a lie) but who tried to destroy the people who followed JESUS, would one day be _____ before these faithful believers. **V.9**
4. Because this group of Christians had persevered, JESUS promised,
 - A. HE would _____ from the hour of testing, which would come upon the whole world, to test those dwelling on the Earth. **V.10**
 - B. JESUS' promise is for "_____ keeping" that enables the saints to be kept from stumbling in sin, in the _____ of persecution and the warfare of temptation. It speaks of receiving grace to not _____. Luke 21:34-36, 1 Peter 1:5
 - C. In John 17:15 JESUS asked the Father to "keep believers from The Evil One, but not take _____ the world."
 - D. Faithful Believers will also be kept from GOD's _____.
1 Thess. 1:10, 5:9
 - E. There is a "_____ keeping," too. But this promise does not _____ Christians from physical danger, since multitudes have been martyred throughout church history, and multitudes will lose their lives in the _____. Rev. 6:11, 13:7,15,17:6, 18:24, 19:2
 - F. There are two main interpretations from the phrase, "keep you from the hour of trial."
 1. The _____ view sees this as being kept from the Tribulation period, through the Rapture.
 2. The _____ view sees the Saints being kept from stumbling, during the time of Testing.
5. JESUS told the Philadelphia Church to _____ and not to compromise, which would cause the loss of _____ that they had previously gained. **V.11** 1 Cor. 3:12-15
6. Overcomers would be given a _____ ("pillar") and authority during the _____. **V.11-12** Gal. 2:9, Luke 19:17, Rev. 21

