

**STUDYING THE BOOK OF REVELATION (8)
THE REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST**



REVELATION 3
Message to Sardis

Revelation 3:1-6
King James Version (KJV)

3 And unto the angel of the church in Sardis write; 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, and art dead.

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

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 what hour I will come upon thee.

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.

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.

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



Steps in Developing Humility: The believer is constantly to strengthen the things of God that have become established in his life. Being ready to repent for any failure, to make right any sin. Will cause the believer to refine his walk in the Spirit. Outward works do not always indicate a right condition of heart produces good works.

luxury, apathy, and licentious religiosity.

3:1-5 Do not be lulled to sleep because of a good reputation. **Keep on pressing** into Jesus. **Make sure** you practice the teaching you have received. **Obey** God's word to you.

3:3 I will come...as a thief: refers to an unexpected historical judgment, not the Second Coming, but to a spiritual coming in blessing or in judgment.

3:4 The only commendation of this church is recognition of the **few** who are faithful.

3:5 White raiment are the robes of the righteousness of Jesus Christ, and thus of victorious joy. I will not blot out his name assures the certainty of the Lord's promise. Book of life is God's eternal record of the redeemed. (*see 13:8; 17:8; 20:12, 15; Ex. 32:32; Ps.69:28; Dan.12:1; Mal. 3:16; Luke 10:20; Phil.4:3*).

C**onclusion:** **He that overcometh shall be clothed in white raiment.** The purity of grace shall be rewarded with the perfect purity of glory. Holiness, when **perfected**, shall be its own reward; glory is the perfection of grace, differing not in kind, but in degree. Now to this is added another promise very suitable to the case: I will not **blot his name out of the book of life**, but will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels.

✚ Christ has his book of life, a register and roll of all who shall inherit eternal life. [1.] The book of eternal election.

✚ The book of remembrance of all those who have lived to God, and have kept up the life and power of godliness in evil times.

- Christ will not blot the names of his chosen and faithful ones out of this book of life; men may be enrolled in the registers of the church, as baptized, as making a profession, as having a name to live, and that name may come to be blotted out of the roll, when it appears that it was but a name, a name to live, without spiritual life; such often lose the very name before they die, they are left of God to blot out their own names by their gross and open wickedness. But the names of those that overcome shall never be blotted out.

- Christ will produce this book of life, and confess the names of the faithful who stand there, before God, and all the angels; he will do this as their Judge, when the books shall be opened; he will do this as their captain and head, leading them with him triumphantly to heaven, presenting them to the Father: Behold me, and the children that thou hast given me. How great will this honor and reward be!

✚ The demand of universal attention finishes the message. Every word from God deserves attention from men; that which may seem more particularly directed to one body of men has something in it instructive to all.... *to be cont'd.*



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