

A Dead Church

Revelation 3:1-6

Revelation 3:1: And to the angel of the church in Sardis write, These things says He who has the seven Spirits of God (sevenfold Spirit of God) and the seven stars: I know your works, that you have a name that you are alive, but you are dead.

Isaiah 11:2: The Spirit of the (1) Lord shall rest upon Him, The Spirit of (2) wisdom and (3) understanding, The Spirit of (4) counsel and (5) might, The Spirit of (6) knowledge and of the (7) fear of the Lord.

These things says He who has the seven Spirits of God.

He has the seven stars. (Rev 1:20 "in my right hand")

"The blood of the martyrs is..."

You have a name that you are alive, but you are dead.

Ephesians 2:1-5: And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins, in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience, among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others. But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved)

You have a name that you are alive, but you are dead.

"The world has yet to see what God can do with, and for, and through, and in, and by the man who is fully and wholly consecrated

to Him. By God's help, I will be that man." - Dwight Moody

Revelation 3:2: Be watchful (awake), and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die, for I have not found your works perfect before God.

Are you awake or are you sleeping?

It's not too late for you to wake up!

God wants you to wake up while there is still time!

Revelation 3:3: Remember therefore how you have received and heard; hold fast and repent. Therefore, if you will not watch (wake up), I will come upon you as a thief, and you will not know what hour I will come upon you.

Matthew 24:42-44: Watch therefore, for you do not know what hour your Lord is coming. But know this, that if the master of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched and not allowed his house to be broken into. Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

Revelation 3:4: You have a few names even in Sardis who have not defiled their garments (filthy, soiled, polluted); and they shall walk with Me in white, for they are worthy.

The majority in Sardis were defiled. (filthy, soiled, polluted)

Revelation 3:5: He who overcomes shall be clothed in white garments, and I will not blot out his name from the Book of Life; but I will confess his name before My Father and before His angels.

Overcomer

- Dead in sin!
- Slumber
 - Eph. 5:14: Therefore, He says: "Awake, you who sleep. Arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light."
- Defiled garments

How can we overcome?

- By the power of the Spirit of God! Gal. 5:16, Rom. 8:11
- Holding fast (firm) to truth!
- Watching and living ready for Jesus's return!
- Repenting of defiled garments.

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Is it possible to have your name blotted out of the Book of Life?

Is your name written in the Book of Life?

1 John 5:11-13: And this is the testimony, that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life.

Revelation 3:5: And I will not blot out his name from the Book of Life; but I will confess his name before My Father and before His angels.

Matthew 10:32-33: Therefore, whoever confesses Me before men, him I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven. But whoever denies Me before men, him I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven.

Revelation 3:6: He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.