Blotted Out of The Book of Life

Revelation 3:5

Revelation 3:1: <u>I know your works</u>, that you have a <u>name</u> that you are <u>alive</u>, but you are <u>dead</u>.

It's possible to be a church that is **perceived as** OR **has a reputation** of being **alive**, but the members are **dead**!

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

Jesus was calling this church to <u>wake up</u> while there was <u>still</u> 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.

In the last days there will be churches that are <u>not ready</u> for Jesus' return!

Are you ready?

What would you change?

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

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

You have a **few** names in **Sardis**...

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

It's here that Jesus gives us both a **marvelous <u>promise</u>** and a **very sobering warning**, to the **believers** living **defiled** lives in **Sardis**!

Revelation 22:19: And if anyone <u>takes away</u> from the <u>words</u> of the book of this prophecy, <u>God shall take away his part</u> from <u>the</u> Book of Life.

Revelation 20:11-12, 15: Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat on it. And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is the Book of Life. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books. And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire.

Is **your** name written in the Book of Life?

You can know!

- Believed
- Works
- New heart
- Spirit

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**.

John 6:39: And this is the will of God, that I should not lose even one of all those He has given me, but that I should raise them up at the last day.

John 10:27-29: My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand. My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of My Father's hand.

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Ephesians 5:5-6: For this you **know**, that no **fornicator**, **unclean** person, nor **covetous** man, who is an **idolater**, has any **inheritance** in the **kingdom** of **Christ** and **God**. Let no one **deceive you** with **empty words**, because of these things the **wrath of God** comes upon the sons of **disobedience**.

1 Corinthians 6:9-11: Do you not know that the <u>unrighteous</u> will <u>not inherit the kingdom of God</u>? <u>Do not be deceived.</u> Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will <u>inherit the kingdom of God</u>. And <u>such were some of you</u>. But you were <u>washed</u>, but you were <u>sanctified</u>, but you were <u>justified</u> in the <u>name of the Lord Jesus</u> and by the <u>Spirit</u> of our God.

1 John 1:5-7: This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that <u>God is light</u> and in Him is no darkness at all. If we <u>say</u> that we have <u>fellowship with Him</u>, and <u>walk</u> in <u>darkness</u>, <u>we lie</u> and <u>do not practice the truth</u>. <u>But</u> if we <u>walk in the light as He is in the light</u>, we have <u>fellowship with one another</u>, and the <u>blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin</u>.

Hebrews 10:26-31: For if we <u>sin willfully</u> after we have received the <u>knowledge of the truth</u>, there <u>no longer remains a sacrifice for sins</u>, but a <u>certain fearful expectation of judgment</u>, and <u>fiery indignation</u> which will devour the <u>adversaries</u>. Anyone who has <u>rejected</u> Moses' law dies without mercy on the testimony of two or three witnesses. <u>Of how much worse punishment</u>, do you suppose,

will he be thought worthy who has <u>trampled the Son of God</u>
<u>underfoot</u>, counted the <u>blood of the covenant</u> by which <u>he was</u>
<u>sanctified</u> a common thing, and <u>insulted the Spirit of grace</u>? <u>It is a</u>
<u>fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God</u>.

These <u>Hebrews</u> were not in danger of <u>losing</u> their salvation because they were practicing a lifestyle of sin. <u>but</u> these <u>Hebrews</u> were in <u>danger</u> of <u>leaving</u> their salvation. This a warning to those who are turning their back on Jesus and going back to their old life.

Psalm 41:9: Even my own familiar <u>friend</u> in whom I trusted, who ate my bread, <u>has lifted up his heel against me</u>.

Matthew 26:24: The Son of Man indeed goes just as it is written of Him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been good for that man if he had not been born.

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