

“Revelation #7”

Revelations 3: 1 - 6 (Sardis The Dead Church)

Review: Thyatira

- **Strengths:** Works, Love, Faith and Service / Patient endurance and constant improvement.
- **Fault or Rebuke:** They tolerated pagan practices, justified teaching that led to idolatry.
- **The promise:** Thyatira will receive authority over the nations and will receive the morning star (**Jesus Christ = Rev. 22: 16**) Also they will take part in the new heavens and the new earth.
- If you adhere to the doctrine of the timeline of the Christian church throughout its lifespan and history. (**Thyatira: covers the time from approximately AD538 – AD1798**)

Text V1 Read.

“These things says He who has the seven Spirits of God and the seven stars.”

- Rev. 1:20 We are told the seven stars are the seven messengers of the churches, then in Rev. 2:1 we are told God / Jesus holds the seven stars in His hand.
- What are the seven Spirits of God?
- **This is the Holy Spirit**, not seven different Spirits... because there is only one H.S.
- Seven attributes of the H.S. or manifestations of the Spirit.

Isaiah 11: 1 – 2...

“There shall come forth a Rod from the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots. The Spirit of the Lord shall rest on Him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of Knowledge and the fear of the Lord.”

V1... *“You have a name that you are alive, but you are dead.”*

ESV *“I know your works. You have the reputation of being alive, but you are dead.”*

Sardis: Located on an important highway, a center of commerce, manufacture of carpets and woolen goods, was a source for almost pure gold and silver coins... had a large temple of Artemis a pagan god, also had a large synagogue and a 5-acre gymnasium complex.

Text V's 2 – 3 Read.

- Be watchful... Greek, gregoroeō: Lit. means wake up!

ESV *“Wake up, and strengthen what remains and is about to die, for I have not found your works complete in the sight of God.”*

- V3... **“Remember... how you received and heard. Hold fast and repent.”**

ESV ***“Remember, then what you received and heard. Keep it, and repent.”***

Text V4 Read.

- We do have some good news... **There are few who have not defiled or compromised themselves.**
- They shall walk with Jesus and be clothed in white... **“For they are worthy.”**

Ecclesiastes 9: 7 – 8

“Go, eat your bread with joy, and drink your wine with a merry heart; for God has already accepted your works. Let your garments always be white and let your head lack no oil.”

Isaiah 61: 10a

“I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for He has clothed me with garments of salvation, He has covered me with the robe of righteousness...”

Text V's 5 – 6 Read.

- **“He who overcomes shall be clothed in white garments.”**

Revelation 7: 13 – 15... Read.

Malachi 3: 16 -17 *“Those who feared the Lord spoke to one another, and the Lord listened and heard them; so, a book remembrance was written before Him for those who fear the Lord and who meditate on His name. They shall be mine, says the Lord of host, on that day I will make them My jewels (Lit. special treasure) and I will spare them as a man spares his own son who serves him...”*

Matthew 10: 32 – 33 Read.

“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.”