

Revelation 3

THE CHURCH - CONTINUED

Revelation 3:1

¹ “To the messenger of the church in Sardis, write:

The one who has God's seven spirits and the seven stars says: I know what you have done. You are known for being alive, but you are dead.

Revelation 3:1 Notes

- ▶ *Isaiah 11:2 Seven Spirits of God: And the spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD;*
- ▶ *Rev 1:20, The seven stars are the messengers of the seven churches and the seven lamp stands are the seven churches. Look at Strongs Concordance. The messenger or Angel is shown to possibly be the Pastor.*

Revelation 3:1 Notes continued

¹ “To the messenger of the church in Sardis, write:

The one who has God’s seven spirits and the seven stars says: I know what you have done.
You are known for being alive, but you are dead.

Notes: This church had the appearance of being alive but the Lord indicated that they are spiritually dead.

Revelation 3:2-3

² Be alert (watchful), and strengthen the things that are left which are about to die. I have found that what you are doing has not been completed in the sight of my God. ³ So remember what you received and heard. Obey, and change the way you think and act. If you're not alert, I'll come like a thief. You don't know when I will come.

Revelation 3:4

⁴ But you have a few people in Sardis who have kept their clothes clean. They will walk with me in white clothes because they deserve it.

Revelation 3:5-6

⁵ Everyone who wins the victory this way will wear white clothes. I will never erase their names from the Book of Life. I will acknowledge them in the presence of my Father and his angels. ⁶ Let the person who has ears listen to what the Spirit says to the churches.

Revelation 3:7

⁷ “To the messenger of the church in Philadelphia, write:

The one who is holy, who is true, who has the key of David, who opens [a door] that no one can shut, and who shuts [a door] that no one can open, says:

Revelation 3:8

⁸I know what you have done. See, I have opened a door in front of you that no one can shut. You only have a little strength, but you have paid attention to my word and have not denied my name.

Revelation 3:9

⁹ I will make those who are in Satan's synagogue come and bow at your feet and realize that I have loved you. They claim that they are Jewish, but they are lying.

Revelation 3:10-11

¹⁰ Because you have obeyed my command to endure, I will keep you safe during the time of testing which is coming to the whole world to test those living on earth. ¹¹ I am coming soon! Hold on to what you have so that no one takes your crown.

Revelation 3:12-13

¹² I will make everyone who wins the victory a pillar in the temple of my God. They will never leave it again. I will write on them the name of my God, the name of the city of my God (the New Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from my God), and my new name. ¹³ Let the person who has ears listen to what the Spirit says to the churches.

No Rebuke

Only the church of Smyrna and Philadelphia were not rebuked. They remain true to God.

The term Philadelphia mean brotherly love.

Their faith endured in difficult times and they remained pure before God.

Christ said they had a little strength however, this is the greatest time when Christ can move in us and for us.

No matter what they face and believe me, Christians were dying for Christ even at that time, they never denied the Lord.

Revelation 3:14-16

¹⁴ “To the messenger of the church in Laodicea, write:

The amen, the witness who is faithful and true, the source of God’s creation, says: ¹⁵ I know what you have done, that you are neither cold nor hot. I wish you were cold or hot. ¹⁶ But since you are lukewarm and not hot or cold, I’m going to spit you out of my mouth.

Note: a lukewarm church is one that compromises the word of Christ and does the things of the world. Christ wants to church to repent and be restored to a place of faith, righteousness, revelation and fellowship.

Revelation 3:17

¹⁷ You say, 'I'm rich. I'm wealthy. I don't need anything.' Yet, you do not realize that you are miserable, pitiful, poor, blind, and naked.

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- ▶ Although this church is lukewarm Christ is knocking at the door and desires to come into their hearts and minds to fellowship with them.
 - ▶ The church of Laodicea had an evaluation of them sales of being rich, increase for goods, not needing anything I looked at themselves as being blessed because of it.
 - ▶ Christ evaluation of them while they were wretched, miserable, poor, naked, and blind.
 - ▶ Remember what we said about Smyrna, the church was poor yet the Lord called them rich. Here we see Laodicea sees themselves as rich but the Lord says they are poor.

Revelation 3:18

¹⁸ I advise you: Buy gold purified in fire from me so that you may be rich.

(that is pure faith)

Buy white clothes from me. Wear them so that you may keep your shameful, naked body from showing.

(white cloths represent righteousness and purity)

Buy ointment to put on your eyes so that you may see.

(this refers to wisdom, knowledge and understanding)

Revelation 3:19

¹⁹ I correct and discipline everyone I love. Take this seriously, and change the way you think and act.

Revelation 3:20-21

²⁰ Look, I'm standing at the door and knocking. If anyone listens to my voice and opens the door, I'll come in and we'll eat together.

²¹ I will allow everyone who wins the victory to sit with me on my throne, as I have won the victory and have sat down with my Father on his throne. ²² Let the person who has ears listen to what the Spirit says to the churches."