

Book of Revelation, part 30

The Church at Sardis

- I. The Church at Sardis—those escaping** (Rev. 3:1-6).
 - 1. Represents the Reformed church: “mix and match”.
 - 2. Lost their way quickly.
 - 3. Misuse the doctrine of the Holy Spirit—seven Spirits.
 - 4. Neglect the Chief Shepherd’s role—seven stars.
 - 5. Dead spiritually.
 - 6. Going through the Tribulation.
 - 7. Sincerity is not enough; they are sincerely wrong.
- II. “Contrariwise, you have a few names in Sardis who have not soiled their outer garments and they will have a lifestyle according to Me in white garments, for they are worthy”** (Rev. 3:4).
 - 1. A minority within the church are true believers.
 - 2. White represents righteousness (Rev. 19:8).
 - 3. Soiled represents unrighteousness.
- III. To the overcomer, New Testament saint** (Rev. 3:5).
 - 1. Will be clothed in white garments—righteousness.
 - 2. Will no, never have name blotted out of the Book of Life.
 - 3. The Book of Life determines what type of resurrection the individual will have (Jn. 5:28-29; Rev. 20:12, 15).
 - 4. Names are written of those who are saved (Phil. 3:1-4).
 - 5. Names written in heavens (Heb. 12:23; Phil. 3:20).
 - 1) Chosen before creation (Eph. 1:4; 2 Tim. 1:9).
 - 2) Written after creation (Heb. 10:7).
- IV. “I will confess his name before the Father and His angels.”**
 - 1. Culminating the Rapture, the Son brings His bride into the Third Heaven.
 - 2. Christ then formally present His bride to the Father (1 Thes. 3:13).
- V. Election—two points of view, one truth.**
 - 1. There is a finite view—human.
 - 2. There is an infinite view—God’s.
 - 3. God’s point of view—omniscience (Is. 46:9).
 - 4. Man’s point of view: must respond to the Gospel (Rom. 1:16).
 - 5. God gives the human credit for responding to the Gospel (1 Cor. 6:11).