

Revelation 3:1-6. *Keep your clothes clean*. To the church at Saris—I know your deeds; you have a reputation of being alive, but I know you to be dead (*nekros*). Listen up—work on what you still have because it is about to die. Your deeds ([εργα 2041](#)) are incomplete by the standards of the God of Me. So? Remember what you’ve heard—just do it and stop doing what you’ve done in the past. And, if you don’t wake up? I’ll come like a thief—you won’t know when!

Nonetheless, there are some believers at Sardis who still have clean clothes. They are worthy to walk with Me, dressed in white. He who overcomes—like them—will be dressed in white. I will never blot their name from the Book of Life. Yes, I will say to Father God—he/she is one of Mine!

- Q Who are the “seven stars” of which Jesus speaks here? What’s your best sense, church leaders or simply another way of describing the “seven angels/ messengers?” Or, Holy Spirit?
- Q From what do we as members of the church today need to wake up?
- Q Is the Christ talking about His second coming in verse 3? Why or why not?
- Q Describe the significance of the “soiled clothing” the Christ uses in verse 4. Consider what John heard later from heaven itself—

*Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory! For the wedding of the Lamb has come, and his bride has made herself ready. Fine linen, bright and clean, was given her to wear.” (Fine linen stands for the righteous acts of the saints.) [Revelation 19:7-8]*

- Q Why is being “dressed in white” a condition for walking with the Christ? Why are the names of those who are worthy not going to ever have their names “blotted out” from the “book of life?”
- Q What does it mean to you to have Jesus “acknowledge” [*ὁμολογήσω* “homologayso;” i.e., confess [3670](#)] you to Father God and His angels?

## REVELATION 3:1-6

To the angel of the church in **Sardis** write:

These are the words of him who holds the seven spirits\* of God and the seven stars. I know your deeds; you have a reputation of being alive, but you are dead.

<sup>2</sup>Wake up! Strengthen what remains and is about to die, for I have not found your deeds [*deeds* is indeed here as opposed to the KJV/NKJV adding “deeds;” [εργα 2041](#)] complete in the sight of my God. <sup>3</sup>Remember, therefore, what you have received and heard; obey it, and repent. But if you do not wake up, I will come like a thief, and you will not know at what time I will come to you.

<sup>4</sup>Yet you have a few people in Sardis who have not soiled their clothes. They will walk with me, dressed in white, for they are worthy. <sup>5</sup>He who overcomes will, like them, be dressed in white. I will never blot out his name from the book [*scroll*—βιβλου] of life, but will acknowledge his name before my Father and his angels.

<sup>6</sup>He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.

[\*Some translations add an alternative translation: “the *sevenfold* Spirit;” you should know the word for spirit here is πνεύματα and it is nonetheless *plural*.]



Revelation 3:7-13. *New Names, New Home*. To Philadelphia (modern Alashehir in Turkey)—

These very words are from He who holds the inherited royal authority of David. Jesus opens what others cannot; and what He shuts stays shut. Jesus says:

I know your deeds. I have, if you will look, placed an open door that no one can shut. I know your weaknesses, yet you have kept My word.

As for those who pretend to be believers but are not, but in actuality are a synagogue of Satan—I will make them fall down at your feet, and confess that I have loved you. Since you have kept My command to endure and patiently so, I will also keep you from the trial that is to come upon the whole world—testing those on earth.

I am indeed coming soon. Hold on—let no one take your crown. We who overcome will be made a pillar in the temple of the God of Me. Never again will He leave it. I will write on him the name of the God of Me and the name of the city of the God of Me. I will also write on him My new name.

- Q What is the significance of asserting Jesus is the descendant of David? Why not Solomon? Abraham? Ahaz? Ruth, the gentile?
- Q What and why do you find Yeshua's comment about the open door comforting?
- Q What is Jesus teaching us about what it means to "keep His word?" My name?
- Q What is the significance of Satan's synagogue members kneeling before our feet?
- Q When is "soon," as in Jesus the Christ saying "I am coming soon?"
- Q What do you find comforting about Jesus' advice on how "to hold on?"
- Q Assuming your robes are white, so how many names will you acquire with the Christ's return? What do we gain by these new names? Just what do you suppose the new name of Jesus is/will be?

## REVELATION 3:7-13

To the angel of the church in **Philadelphia** write:

These are the words of him who is holy and true, who holds the key of David. What he opens no one can shut, and what he shuts no one can open.

<sup>8</sup>I know your deeds. See, I have placed before you an open door that no one can shut. I know that you have little strength, yet you have kept my word and have not denied my name.

<sup>9</sup>I will make those who are of the synagogue of Satan, who claim to be Jews though they are not, but are liars—I will make them come and fall down at your feet and acknowledge that I have loved you.

<sup>10</sup>Since you have kept my command to endure patiently, I will also keep you from the hour of trial that is going to come upon the whole world to test those who live on the earth.

<sup>11</sup>I am coming soon. Hold on to what you have, so that no one will take your crown. <sup>12</sup>Him who overcomes I will make a pillar in the temple of my God. Never again will he leave it. I will write on him the name of my God and the name of the city of my God, the new Jerusalem, which is coming down out of heaven from my God; and I will also write on him my new name. <sup>13</sup>He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.

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# Lukewarm Laodicea



Revelation 3:14-22. *Middle Ground—Evil Ground*.  
To the church at Laodicea—

Here's who is talking—*the Truth, the trustworthy and true witness, He who Rules the Creation*. Look I know your behavior—you are neither cold nor hot. I so wish you were one or the other. Because you are lukewarm, I just want to spit out of my mouth.

You brag about being rich—you have gotten rich; you need nothing. BUT, you are not aware of just how wretched, pitiful, poor, blind and naked you are! My advice? Get real—buy from Me your gold, refined by fire—then you can become truly rich, truly well-clothed. In fact, you will no longer be naked nor blind. See so you can see!

Make no mistake about it—I love those who I rebuke and discipline. I am here. Be honest in your efforts; get a conscience, turn from evil. I am here. I am knocking at your door. If you hear Me, if you open the door, I will come in and eat with you. Yes, we will dine together.

## REVELATION 3:14-22

To the angel of the church in **Laodicea** write:

“These are the words of the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the ruler of God's creation. <sup>15</sup>I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot. I wish you were either one or the other! <sup>16</sup>So, because you are lukewarm—neither hot nor cold—I am about to spit you out of my mouth. <sup>17</sup>You say, ‘I am rich; I have acquired wealth and do not need a thing.’ But you do not realize that you are wretched, pitiful, poor, blind and naked. <sup>18</sup>I counsel you to buy from me gold refined in the fire, so you can become rich; and white clothes to wear, so you can cover your shameful nakedness; and salve to put on your eyes, so you can see.

<sup>19</sup>Those whom I love I rebuke and discipline. So be earnest, and repent. <sup>20</sup>Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with him, and he with me.

<sup>21</sup>To him who overcomes, I will give the right to sit with me on my throne, just as I overcame and sat down with my Father on his throne. <sup>22</sup>He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.”

So, to you who overcomes... I will give the right to sit, to sit with Me on My throne—just like I overcame and sat down with Father God on His throne. You got ears? Pay attention to what Holy Spirit says.

- Q Why would the Christ be called the “Amen” in most all translations? [Ἀμήν, [281](#)—e.g., NIV, ESV, KJV, NKJV, HSCB, NET]
- Q Why would the Christ want the people in Laodicea to be cold?
- Q What is the problem with being “lukewarm?” [χλιαρὸς, [5513](#), *khiliaros*, warm, tepid, from the Greek meaning to warm; khlio χλιω] In other words, why would the Christ warn them He was ready to “spit them out of His mouth?”
- Q Just what does it mean for the Christ to say “repent?”
- Q How does the Christ operationalize our refined gold from Him, white clothes, and salve?
- Q So what must we do in order to have the Christ have dinner with us? (verses 19-20) 

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