

Studies in Revelation: Part Seven

Wed. Night Bible Study

Letter to the Church at Sardis: Rev. 3:1-6 **“Labor Lacking Life”**

1. **Presentation** v.1 **“These things saith...”**
 - A. **Complete Minister** **“seven Spirits of God”** (Is. 11:1-2)
 - a. *Charity* (Gal. 5:22, 2Tim. 1:7)
 - b. *Counsel* (Jn. 16:13, 14:26)
 - c. *Consciousness – Life* (Jn. 6:63, Rom. 8:10, 2Cor. 3:6)
 - B. **Commissioning Master** **“seven stars”**
 - a. *Activate* (Jn. 13:34, 1Thes. 4:9, 1Jn. 4:7)
 - b. *Abide* (Jn. 16:13, 1Jn. 3:24)

2. **Problem** v.1b **“thou hast a name that thou livest, and art dead”**
 - Their Reputation did not match the Reality

3. **Prescription** v.2-4
 - A. **Awaken** v.2 **“Be watchful”** (Eph. 5:14)
 - a. *Accept your Standing* (2Cor. 13:5)
 - b. *Amplify the Spiritual* **“strengthen...which remains”** (Eph. 3:16-19, 2Pet. 3:18)
 - c. *Aim for the Supreme* **“not found thy works perfect”** (Gal. 5:22-23, Ph. 2:12)
 - B. **Advance** v.3
 - a. *Reflectively* **“Remember”** (2Tim. 3:14)
 - b. *Resolutely* **“hold fast”** (2Thes. 2:15)
 - c. *Repentantly* **“repent”** (Ph. 3:12-14, Rom. 12:2)
 - d. *Reverently* **“If...thou shalt not”** (Pro. 19:23, 14:26)
 - A. **Align** v.4
 - a. *Few* **“a few names”** (Mat. 7:14, Lk. 10:2)
 - b. *Faithful* **“not defiled their garments”** (Ps. 101:6, 2Pet. 3:13-14)
 - c. *Favored* **“walk with me”** (1Thes. 4:1, Ps. 84:11)

4. **Prompting** v.5 **“He that overcometh”**
 - A. **Prevailing Purity** **“clothed in white raiment”** (Jude 1:24)
 - B. **Preserving Promise** **“I will not blot out”** (Jn. 6:37)
 - C. **Praising Profession** **“I will confess his name”** (Mat. 10:32)

5. **Prophecy** 1520AD – 1750AD