

The Church at Sardis
The Reformed Church

- I. Sardis: “those escaping”; Protestant Reformation (Rev. 3:1-6).**
1. The pastor would begin to neglect his ‘under’ shepherd role.
 - 1) By not protecting the flock from false doctrine.
 - 2) By not being accountable to the Chief Shepherd.
 - 3) By perpetrating a doctrine of self-effort.
 - 4) They do not teach the Christian life.
 - 5) They will go through the Tribulation and be judged at the Second Coming.
 2. Some are saved, but collectively they are alive physically, while dead spiritually.
- II. The promises to the overcomer (1 Jn. 5:4-5).**
1. The New Testament believer will clothe himself in white garments (cf. 1 Cor. 6:11; Rev. 7:14).
 - 1) White clothes represent righteousness (Rev. 19:8).
 - 2) This is how the unglorified will see us.
 - 3) We will have an image of light (1 Tim. 6:16; 1 Jn. 3:2; Phil. 3:21; 1 Cor. 15:49 cf. Gen. 5:3).
 - 4) Our white garments will represent that the Bride is without any basis for blame when presented to the Father (1 Thes. 3:13).
 - 5) Our white garments will be without a spot when the Son presents the Bride to Himself (Eph. 5:27).
 2. “No, never” blotted out of the Book of Life.
 - 1) One saved, always saved (Phil. 4:3; Heb. 12:23).
 - 2) The reason people go to Hell is that their name is not in the book of life (Rev. 20:12, 15).
 3. Christ, the Son will confess our name before the Father.
 - 1) The Son will agree with the fact that we are righteous—white clothes.
 - 2) The Son will declare we have been made holy (Heb. 2:9-12).