

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).