

# Outline: A Study in the Book of



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- All questions are welcomed and encouraged.
- Questions add to a point of teaching that will make the efforts more complete.
- Did you know that questions can help in the teaching process?
- Questions can make the teacher better able to communicate and give us a better sense in the application of the Word in our walk with GOD.

## Pastor's comments:

- Thank God for bible class, where we can learn scripture to encourage yourself and witness to others the "Good News" of our Savior, Jesus Christ.
- This experience will better equip you in your witnessing, gives fertile ground, and effectiveness for fruitfulness.
- Studying and learning scripture blesses you with the truth.
- (John 8:32) **And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.**
- **Have clarity and conviction on what we believe; victory over the adversary.**
- **Our lives are in God's hand! He gives knowledge. He is able!**

## Outline in the Book of Revelation of Jesus Christ:

- Believed author: Apostle John, one of the twelve who walked with Jesus Christ. (Rev. 1:4,9;22:8)
- Exiled to island of Patmos for preaching the gospel in Asia.
- "Revelation" comes from the Greek word "apocalypses" and refers to an unveiling or disclosure of something unknown.
- Like the book of Daniel, the imagery can be hard to digest, the prophesy in Daniel illustrates that God is in control.

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- Evilness is in the world, although God doesn't direct nothing happens that He doesn't allow to happen and will accomplish His glory.
- We ought to trust that God is in control; if you are empty of the Word of God you will try to deal with the issues of life yourself. The Word says ultimately this leads to failure. God is sovereign!
- (Proverbs 3:5) Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.
- (Proverbs 3:6) In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.
- (Philippians 4:13) I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.
- He is my power to overcome myself. Greater understanding to witness

### Review: The Churches

- Ephesus-loveless church
- Smyrna-persecuted church
- Pergamos-compromising church
- Thyatira-wrong doctrine church
- Philadelphia-spiritually alive church
- Sardis-spiritually dead church

### Chp. 3: Church of Sardis; The Dead Church:

(Revelation 3:1) And unto the angel of the church in Sardis write; These things saith he that hath the seven Spirits of God, and the seven stars; I know thy works, that thou hast a name that thou livest, and art dead.

- The seven Spirits of God (1:4) are the seven manifestations of God, the enabling power of the Holy Ghost.
- This church is full of unfulfilled works; "they did not finish the work"
  - (Galatians 5:22) But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,
  - (Galatians 5:23) Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.
  - (1 Corinthians 12:7) But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal.

(Revelation 3:2) Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die: for I have not found thy works perfect before God.

- Strengthen spiritually what remained or they would die.
- They had not followed through on the works honoring God.

(Revelation 3:3) Remember therefore how thou hast received and heard, and hold fast, and repent. If therefore thou shalt not watch, I will come on thee as a thief, and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee.

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- Instructions were given to this church to fight but they went their own way, they added to what they heard, changed it, let go of the Word of God, failed to carry the Word out in their lives.
- Hold-fast, repent were urgent spiritual wake-up calls from Jesus!
- (Matthew 24:46) Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing.
- (2 Peter 3:10) But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.

(Revelation 3:4) Thou hast a few names even in Sardis which have not defiled their garments; and they shall walk with me in white: for they are worthy.

- Jesus says all will not walk with Him (everyone in church isn't saved!)
- Few remained faithful to the Lord, those would be clothed in the victor's garb of white, the holiness of God.
- they were worthy of both heaven and of returning with Christ at His second coming.
- The Word of God is the lifeline out of untruths.
- (Matthew 7:14) Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.

(Revelation 3:5) He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the Book of Life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels.

- Is your spiritual man dressed in the holiness of God?
- Book of Life contains the name of each person who is eternally elect.
- He who overcomes refers to faithful and obedient believers; they will be clothed in white garments and will not have their name blotted out.
- God knows you by name; He calls the stars by name....
- (John 10:27) My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me:

(Revelation 3:6) He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.

- Jesus' warning echoes to His hearers;
- Failure to overcome means losing spiritual rewards, not losing salvation.

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**Rev 3:7** "And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write, 'These things says He who is holy, He who is true, "HE WHO HAS THE KEY OF DAVID, HE WHO OPENS AND NO ONE SHUTS, AND SHUTS AND NO ONE OPENS":

- Church of "Brotherly love"
- Greek word "philos" means brotherly love
- He is holy, true: He is the truth, His holy is His transcendence of truth
- Key of David: Jesus is the authority
  - keys mean authority
  - David resonate with the Israelites because of what they knew
  - Jesus is greater than David
    - David could be stopped not Jesus
- Christ is the master key to open all doors, He chooses to open and close every door

**Rev 3:9** Indeed I will make *those* of the synagogue of Satan, who say they are Jews and are not, but lie—indeed I will make them come and worship before your feet, and to know that I have loved you.

- These are true worshippers
  - Every knee shall bow
    - **Rom 14:11** For it is written: "AS I LIVE, SAYS THE LORD, EVERY KNEE SHALL BOW TO ME, AND EVERY TONGUE SHALL CONFESS TO GOD."
    - **Php 2:10** that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth,
      - Some will bow as children of God
      - Some will bow as enemies of God
        - Worshipping none the less
    - God will get the glory
- Every faithful church has an open door
  - Nothing can stop a faithful servant of God from being faithful
  - It's an invitation, come in

**Rev 3:10** Because you have kept My command to persevere, I also will keep you from the hour of trial which shall come upon the whole world, to test those who dwell on the earth.

- persevere: continue to keep the faith through your struggles
- you will be tested based on your belief in Christ

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**Rev 3:12** He who overcomes, I will make him a pillar in the temple of My God, and he shall go out no more. I will write on him the name of My God and the name of the city of My God, the New Jerusalem, which comes down out of heaven from My God. And *I will write on him* My new name.

- This verse speaks to intimacy with God
- **Psa 23:6** Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me All the days of my life; And I will dwell in the house of the LORD Forever.
  - **A promise to the faithful**
    - **Joh 14:2** In My Father's house are many mansions; if *it were* not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.
    - city of God, New Jerusalem is not about jewel
      - intimacy
      - authority
      - **1Co 6:19** Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit *who is* in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own?
    - **Joh 17:21** that they all may be one, as You, Father, *are* in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me.
    - **Joh 14:9** Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; so how can you say, 'Show us the Father'?"
  - No angel has signed your name to the book
    - no angel wrote your name on anything
    - Jesus said He will remove your name if not faithful
    - **Rev 22:19** and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part from the Book of Life, from the holy city, and *from* the things which are written in this book.

Church of The Laodiceans- The Luke Warm Church

- **Rev 3:16** So then, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will vomit you out of My mouth.
  - to vomit it must be consumed
  - Application
    - cold water can quench a thirst
    - hot water has some kind effect for individuals
    - the lukewarmness means you have one foot in the church and one foot out, straddling the fence.

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- **Mat 15:8-9** 'THESE PEOPLE DRAW NEAR TO ME WITH THEIR MOUTH, AND HONOR ME WITH THEIR LIPS, BUT THEIR HEART IS FAR FROM ME. AND IN VAIN THEY WORSHIP ME, TEACHING AS DOCTRINES THE COMMANDMENTS OF MEN.' "
- **Ambiguous:** Open to more than one interpretation; having a double meaning, unclear on inexact because a choice between alternatives has not been made
- Using methods of deception

Question: Can a lukewarm saint go to heaven? Aren't they still saved?

Answer: No, the issue of vomit means the body has rejected it, Jesus is saying that the "body" has rejected it. My body spues you out. Everyone has the opportunity to repent but you are in an "**Impenitent (not feeling shame or regret about ones' actions or attitudes) condition**".

**Rev 3:17** Because you say, 'I am rich, have become wealthy, and have need of nothing'—and do not know that you are wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked—

- Impenitent condition (see definition)
- Pull myself up by my own bootstraps mentality
  - The church doesn't need god, their conduct states they don't need God
  - They are marketing the church and not using the word of God draw men to Jesus
    - **Joh 12:32** And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all *men* unto me.
  - You are not poor in spirit with God
  - We are clothed in white (the holy, righteousness of Christ)
    - **Rev 19:8** And to her it was granted to be arrayed in fine linen, clean and bright, for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints.

**Rev 3:19** As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten. Therefore be zealous and repent.

- He wanted the Laodiceans to know these things so they could repent.
- Jesus is the door