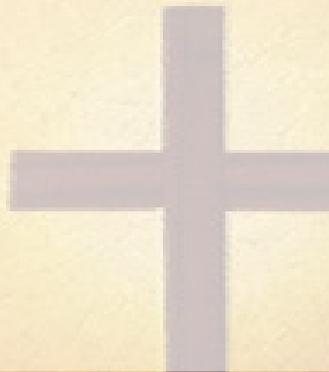
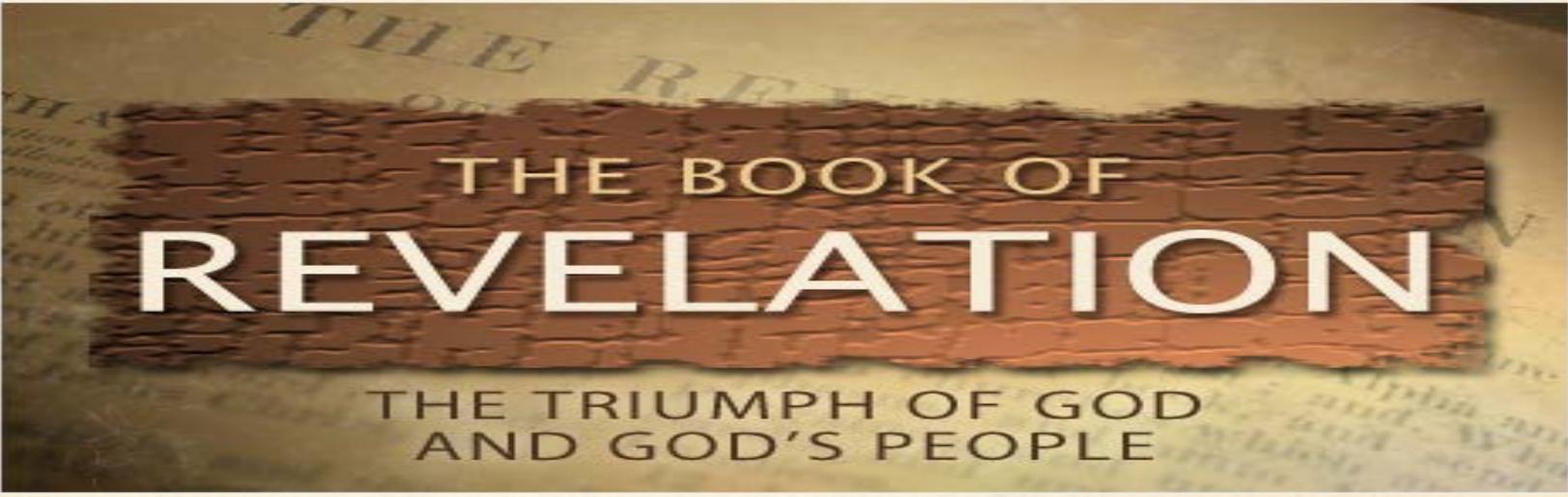


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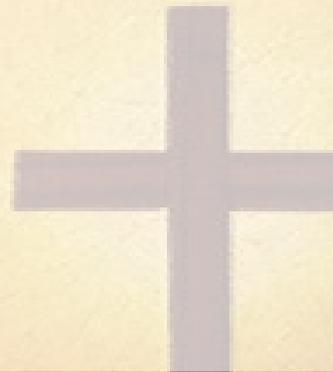
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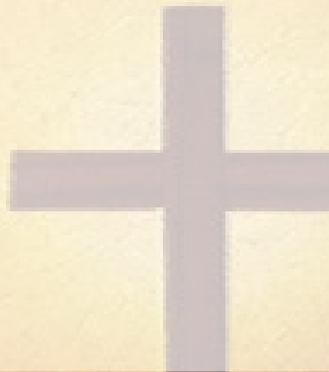
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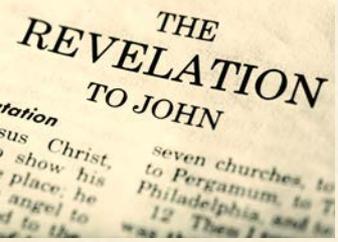
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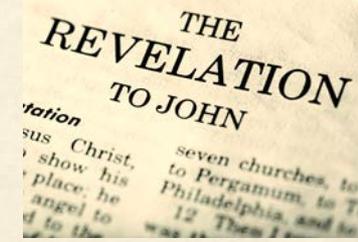
“To the angel of the church in Sardis write:

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. Wake up! Strengthen what remains and is about to die, for I have not found your deeds complete in the sight of my God.

Remember, therefore, what you have received and heard; obey it, and repent. But if you do not repent, I will come like a thief, and you will not know at what time I will come to you.



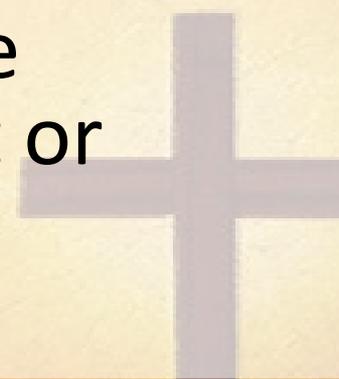
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We know what the seven spirits are and the seven stars are but what do you think Jesus means when he says he holds the Holy Spirit in his hand?

We know the Word cuts like a double edged sword, but what does the cutting or convicting? The Holy Spirit!

This is saying that Jesus is in control of the churches as well as the ability to send out or control the Holy Spirit.





I know your deeds; you have a reputation of being alive, but you are dead.



This Church is not praised at all but the letter opens with condemnation.

What is a reputation?

How you are viewed by those around you.

What is Jesus saying here?

I think Jesus is saying this church appears to the world as alive, but it is dead in the eyes of Christ. This is a liberal church defiled by the world so it appears alive to the world due to its popularity, but is dead to Christ. This is the most popular of all the Churches.

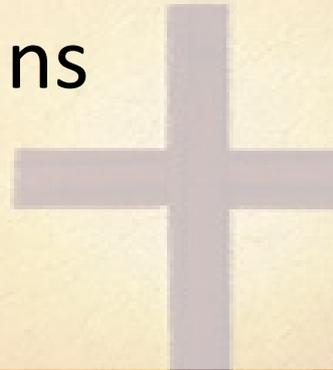
What is a dead church?

A dead church is one that has succumbed to the pressures of the world

Sardis has:

- Left its first love like Ephesus
- Courted the world like Pergamum
- Tolerated sin and even advocated it like Thyatira

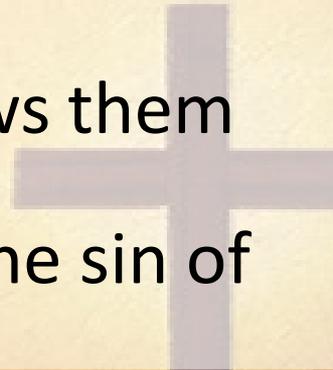
And due to the false teachings this church is full of people who we will see are not Christians



What are the characteristics of a dead church?

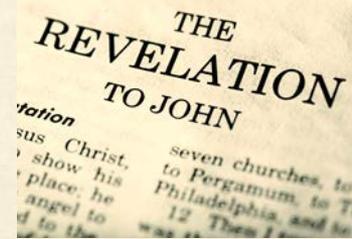
A dead church is one that:

- Is concerned with tradition and form
- Is concerned with welfare
- Is concerned with social issues and not spiritual issues
- Is concerned about material things
- Is concerned about being tolerant
- Doesn't uphold scripture
- Is not concerned about holiness or Biblical doctrine
- Is concerned about its appearance
- Is concerned about being popular
- Accepts unbelievers as members and even allows them to hold leadership positions in the church
- Preaches the love of God but does not preach the sin of man





Strengthen what remains and is about to die



This is telling us that there are a few Christians in the church who are following Christ and his teachings, but even they are about to accept the corrupt doctrine or possibly leave the church.

This shows how sin is like a cancer in the church that eventually even destroys the strongest Christians in the church or forces them to leave.





*I have not found your deeds
complete in the sight of my God.*



They fall short of what is required of God. Is there such a thing as being almost a Christian?

Remember, therefore, what you have received and heard; obey it, and repent.

What are they supposed to obey?

This is a terrifying statement. This church is not asked to remember what it once was, but to remember what they had received and heard from Godly people when the church started.

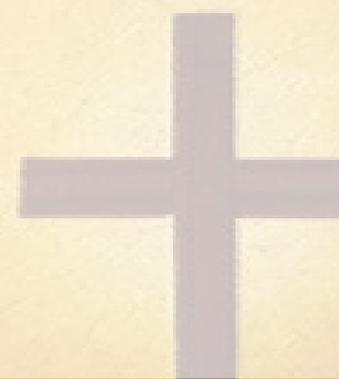


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This is speaking about Christ's return to the world in Judgement. In other words this is a warning that when Jesus returns to judge the world there will be many in this church who are still present because they were never converted.



Which is larger in number few or many?

Verses 13-14: Jesus says: *“Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it.”*

Verses 21-23: Jesus says: *“Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. Many will say to me on that day, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name and in your name drive out demons and in your name perform many miracles?’ Then I will tell them plainly, ‘I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!’”*

Hear What God Is Telling Us

Chapter 3: Verses 1-3

“To the angel of the church in Sardis write:

These are the words of Him who holds the Holy Spirit and His children who know Him, and are the light in the world, in His hands. I know your deeds; you appear to the world as alive, but you are dead in my eyes. Wake up! Strengthen yourself by listening to the few Christians in the church who are following me and my teachings before even they accept your corrupt doctrine or possibly leave the church for you are falling short of what is required of you in the sight of my God.

Remember, therefore, the sound doctrine that you have received and heard; follow it closely, 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 judge you.

Revelation 3:4

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.

Galatians 3:27: for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.

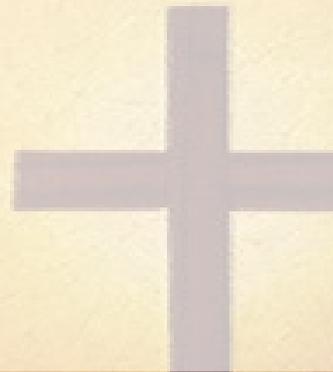
Again this is telling us that only a few in Sardis have had their clothes washed white in the blood of Christ and many are still walking around in their soiled garments.



Hear What God Is Telling Us

Revelation 3:4

Yet you have a few in Sardis who are Christians. They will walk with me, dressed in white, for they are worthy because they have been washed in my blood and made pure, their clothes as white as snow.



Revelation 3:5

He who overcomes will, like them, be dressed in white. I will never blot out his name **from the book of life**, but will acknowledge his name before my Father and his angels.

Who is He how overcomes referring to?

This is again saying that only a few Christians in this church and they will be dressed in white, because their stains have been removed by the blood of Christ like all other Christians.



What is the book of life?

This will be made crystal clear in Revelation 21, but in the meantime let David explain:

Psalm 69: 27-28

Charge them with crime upon crime; do not let them share in your salvation. May they be blotted out of the book of life and not be listed with the righteous.



What is the book of life?

Upon conception God has created life and that life is so precious to God that He writes the name He has given each life He created in the book of life.

Everyone, regardless of their lifestyle and faith, has their name written in the book of life.

When you become a Christian your name is then also written in the blood of Christ in the Lambs book of life.

At judgement those who's name is not found written in the lambs book of life will have their name blotted out of the book of life. In other words they are considered by God to have never existed, they will forever be forgotten. They are blotted out.

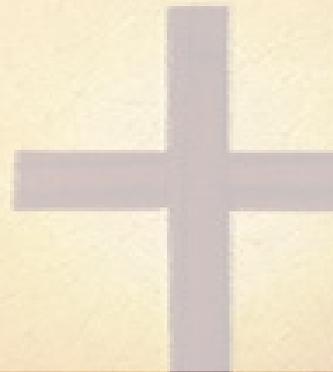
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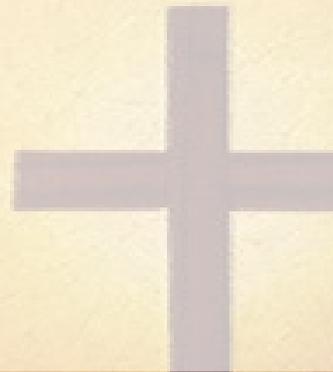
Whoever acknowledges me before men, I will also acknowledge him before my Father in heaven.



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Revelation 3:5

All those who follow Me, like the faithful in Sardis, will be dressed in white, their clothes washed pure by my blood. They will have eternal life as I will never blot out their name from the book of life, but will acknowledge them as my own, righteous before my Father and His angels.



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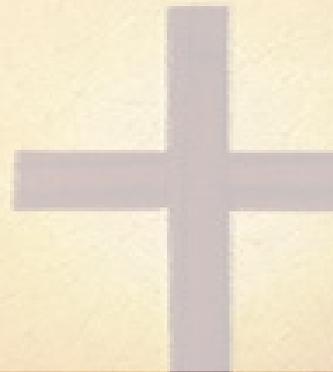
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Revelation 3:6

Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches.

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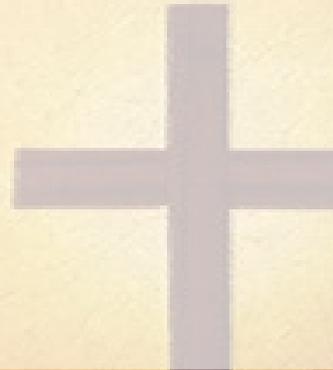


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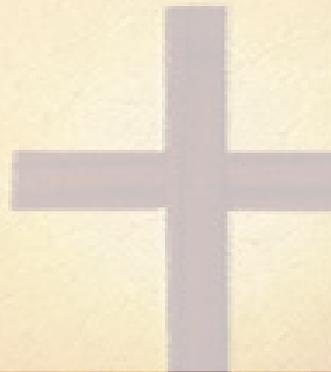
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To Him Who Overcomes

1 John 5:5

“Who is it that overcomes the world? Only he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God.”



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νικῶν (nikōn) — 8 Occurrences

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1 John 5:5 V-PPA-NMS

GRK: δὲ ὁ νικῶν τὸν κόσμον

NAS: Who *is the one who overcomes* the world,

KJV: is *he that overcometh* the world,

INT: also he that *overcomes* the world

Revelation 2:11 V-PPA-NMS

GRK: ἐκκλησίαις Ὁ νικῶν οὐ μὴ

NAS: to the churches. *He who overcomes* will not be hurt

KJV: unto the churches; *He that overcometh* shall

INT: churches He that *overcomes* no not

Revelation 2:26 V-PPA-NMS

GRK: Καὶ ὁ νικῶν καὶ ὁ

NAS: *He who overcomes*, and he who keeps

KJV: And *he that overcometh*, and keepeth

INT: And he that *overcomes* and he that

Revelation 3:5 V-PPA-NMS

GRK: Ὁ νικῶν οὕτως περιβαλεῖται

NAS: *He who overcomes* will thus be clothed

KJV: *He that overcometh*, the same

INT: He that *overcomes* thus will be clothed

Revelation 3:12 V-PPA-NMS

GRK: Ὁ νικῶν ποιήσω αὐτὸν

NAS: *He who overcomes*, I will make

KJV: Him *that overcometh* will I make

INT: He that *overcomes* I will make him

Revelation 3:21 V-PPA-NMS

GRK: Ὁ νικῶν δώσω αὐτῷ

NAS: *He who overcomes*, I will grant

KJV: To him *that overcometh* will I grant

INT: He that *overcomes* I will give to him

Revelation 6:2 V-PPA-NMS

GRK: καὶ ἐξῆλθεν νικῶν καὶ ἵνα

NAS: to him, and he went *out conquering* and to conquer.

KJV: and he went forth *conquering*, and to

INT: and he went forth *overcoming* and that

Revelation 21:7 V-PPA-NMS

GRK: ὁ νικῶν κληρονομήσει ταῦτα

NAS: *He who overcomes* will inherit

KJV: *He that overcometh* shall inherit

INT: He that *overcomes* will inherit all things

νικῶντι (nikōnti) — 2 Occurrences

Revelation 2:7 V-PPA-DMS

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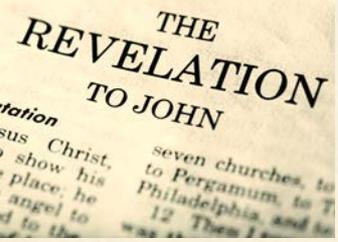
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Who Is To Him Who Overcomes?



It is crystal clear that this is the same word used which the definition is give in 1 John 5:5

He who overcomes= Only he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God.

He who overcomes= Christians





Previous Promises

- Chapter 2:7-To him who overcomes, I will give the right to eat from the tree of life.
- Chapter 2:11-He who overcomes will not be hurt at all by the second death.
- Chapter 2:17-To him who overcomes, I will give some of the hidden manna. I will also give him a white stone with a new name written on it, known only to him who receives it.

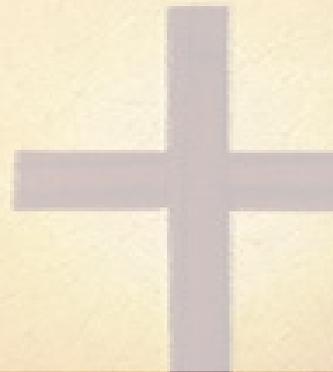


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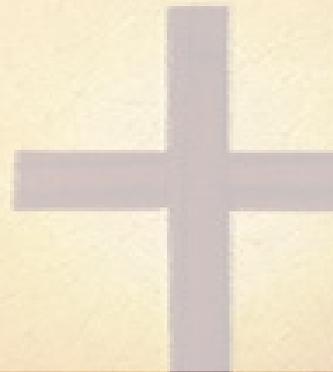
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Hebrews 6:10-11

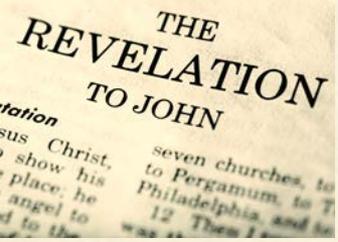
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God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them.

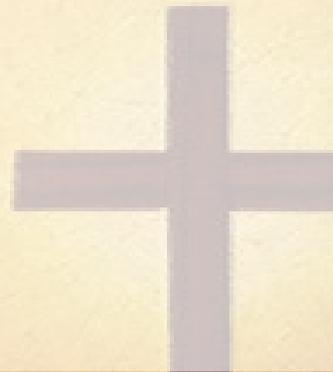
We want each of you to show this same diligence **to the very end**, in order to make your hope sure.



Hebrews 3:12-14



See to it, brothers, that none of you has a sinful, unbelieving heart that turns away from the living God. But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called Today, so that none of you may be hardened by sin's deceitfulness. We have come to share in Christ **if we hold firmly till the end** the confidence we had at first.



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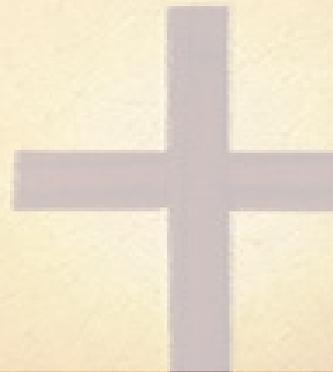
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Matthew 10:22

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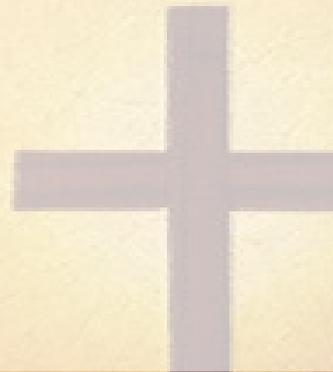
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Because of the increase of wickedness, the love of most will grow cold, but he who stands firm to the end will be saved.



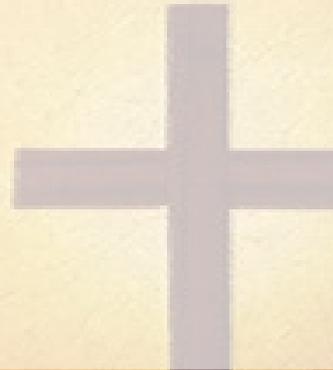
Acts 20: 22-24

And now, compelled by the Spirit, I am going to Jerusalem, not knowing what will happen to me there. I only know that in every city the Holy Spirit warns me that prison and hardships are facing me. However, I consider my life worth nothing to me; **my only aim is to finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me**—the task of testifying to the good news of God's grace.



John 13:1 (NASB)

Now before the Feast of the Passover, Jesus knowing that His hour had come that He would depart out of this world to the Father, having loved His own who were in the world, **He loved them to the end.**

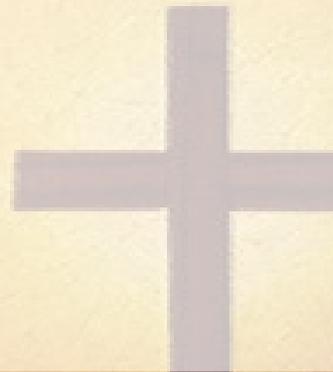


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1 Corinthians 1:7-8

Therefore you do not lack any spiritual gift as you eagerly wait for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed. He will keep you strong to the end, so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God who has called you into fellowship with his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, is faithful.



What Is God Telling Us?

I believe it is vital that we strive to finish the race just as Jesus and Paul did. And we are promised that if *we eagerly wait for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed* He will keep us strong to the end.

If you knew Christ was going to return today, how would you act?

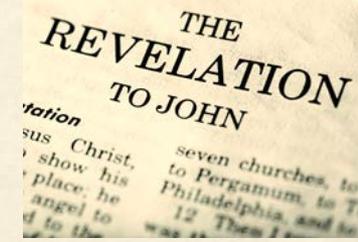
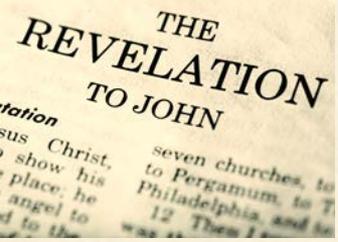
We must remain in Christ and act as if he is going to return today. If we do so we will hold firm to the end!

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The Church I Want Us To Be





Revelation 3:7-8

“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. 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.



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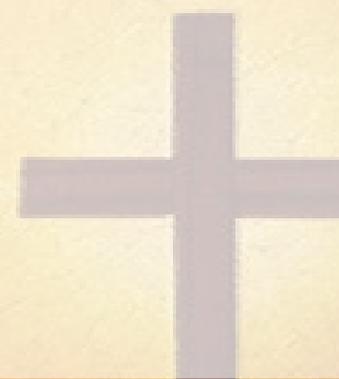
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He who is holy means God. Jesus is saying I am God.

Mark 1:24

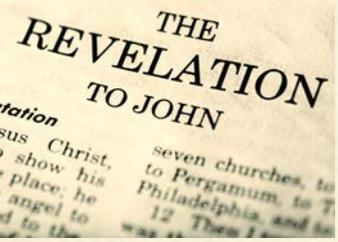
"What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are--the Holy One of God!"



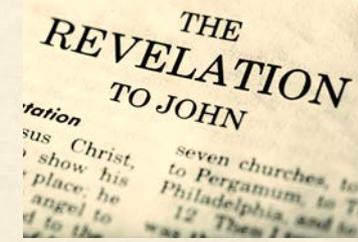
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Isaiah 22:20-23

“In that day I will summon my servant, Eliakim son of Hilkiah. I will clothe him with your robe and fasten your sash around him and hand your authority over to him. He will be a father to those who live in Jerusalem and to the people of Judah. I will place on his shoulder the key to the house of David; what he opens no one can shut, and what he shuts no one can open. I will drive him like a peg into a firm place; he will become a seat of honor for the house of his father.

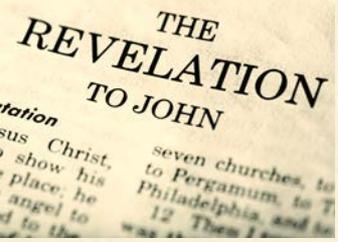


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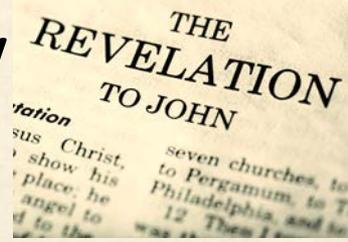


A key indicates control or authority over the treasure; therefore, having the Key of David is saying that Jesus is in control of the treasures of heaven (Jerusalem and the New Jerusalem) and the kingdom of heaven.





*What he opens no one can shut, and
what he shuts no one can open.*



What does this mean to you?

I believe this is again showing Jesus' authority over the New Jerusalem or Heaven. Who he allows in, no one can keep out and who he wants to keep out, no one can let in.

The previous passage combined with this passage is saying that Jesus holds the key to heaven so he is the only one who can grant or deny access into heaven. Jesus not only holds the key to heaven, earlier in chapter 1 we saw that he also holds the key to hell.



I know your deeds. See, I have placed before you an open door that no one can shut.



What does this mean to you?

Jesus is saying you are My children because I see your deeds, I see you are following My teachings. See, I have opened the door to heaven for you which no one can shut. In other words Your name is permanently written in the Lambs Book of Life.





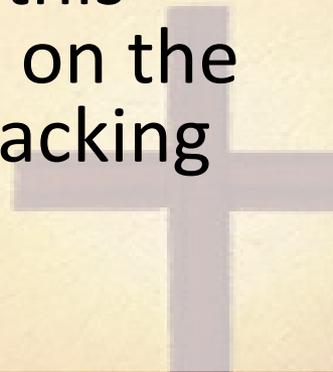
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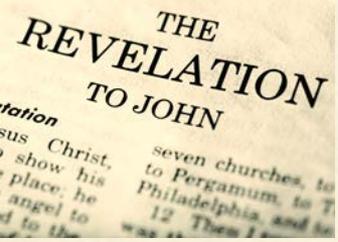


What does this mean to you?

Many scholars will omit the indefinite article in translating the world for little strength which clarifies the meaning as you are poor in numbers and worldly resources. If you have little resources, who's strength do you rely on?

I believe this is actually a commendation that this Church does not rely on it's own strength, but on the strength of God. It does not mean they were lacking spiritual strength.



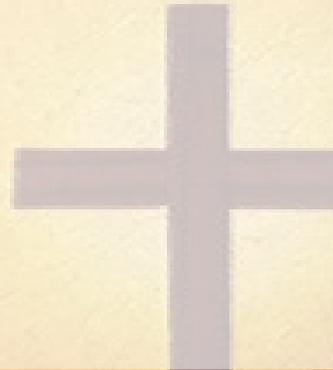


yet you have kept my word



Are you starting to see a major concern that Jesus is expressing over and over?

A Church must maintain sound doctrine and cannot allow the world or satan to influence, change or water down God's Word and His laws written within. This Church did not replace God's Word with anything else.



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This Church was not afraid to stand their ground and pray in the name of Jesus in public where they faced persecution. They spoke the Truth.



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To the members of the church in Philadelphia write: These are the words of God, who holds the key to heaven and He is the only one who can grant or deny access into heaven. I know your faithful deeds. See, I have used my key to give you access to heaven and there is no one who can deny it. I know that you are small in number and resources, yet you have kept my word, you have not allowed the world to corrupt you, you have stood firm on my truth and have not denied my name, even when being persecuted.

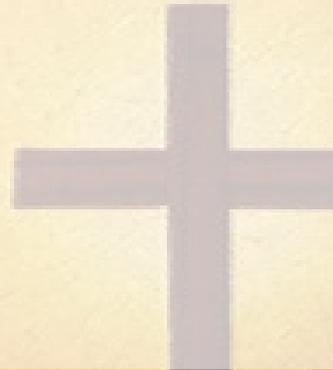


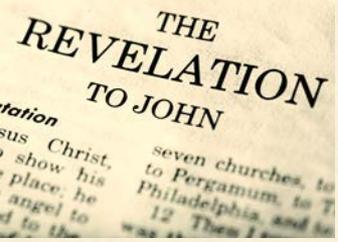
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I will make those who are of the synagogue of Satan, who claim to be Jews though they are not, but are liars—I will make them come and fall down at your feet and acknowledge that I have loved you. Since you have kept my command to endure patiently, 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.





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Apparently Philadelphia was large enough to have a local Jewish synagogue, but they are not living like true Jews and have been attacking this small church. This is similar to what was happening in Smyrna.

This also represents Jews who attended the Church and tried to force Christians to follow Jewish tradition.



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How does it make you feel to know that the ones persecuting you will be forced to fall at your feet and admit you were right and they were wrong?

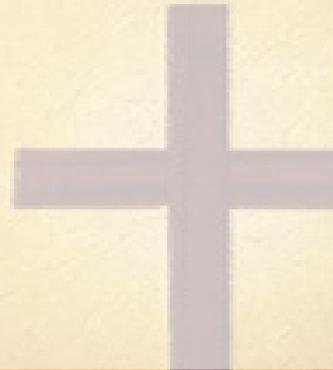
The Jewish people felt they were not only God's chosen people but they are also the only ones that God loves. Notice how God will force them to acknowledge that they were wrong and the Christians are right that God does love all those who are following Christ, regardless of their heritage.

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This is again reference to the fact that this Church has remained faithful to the teachings or commands of Christ and has not allowed the world to influence them. Their adherence to the Truth has caused them to suffer persecution which they have patiently endured.



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This is extremely exciting and encouraging as this promise is also to us. We can't miss this as it is very important that we understand what Jesus is referencing.

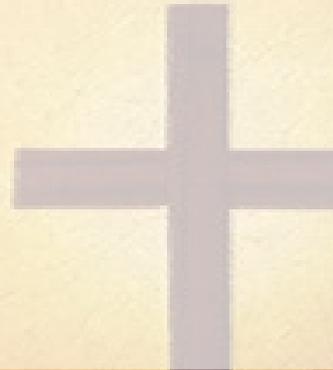
What is this passage saying to you?

The Church will be kept from the tribulation period. It will be pulled from the world



1 Thessalonians 4:16-18

For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

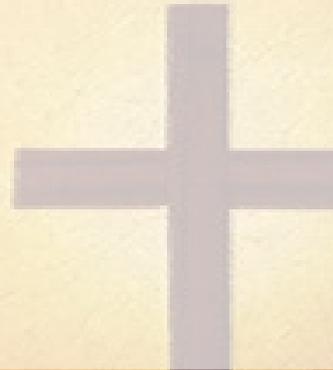


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Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed—in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed.

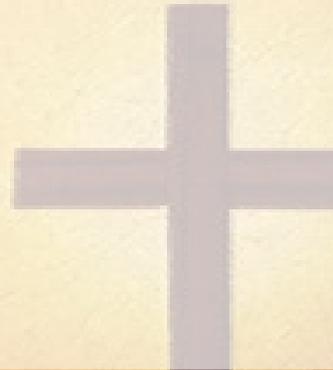


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But your dead will live; their bodies will rise. You who dwell in the dust, wake up and shout for joy. Your dew is like the dew of the morning; the earth will give birth to her dead. Go, my people, enter your rooms and shut the doors behind you; hide yourselves for a little while until his wrath has passed by. See, the LORD is coming out of his dwelling to punish the people of the earth for their sins.



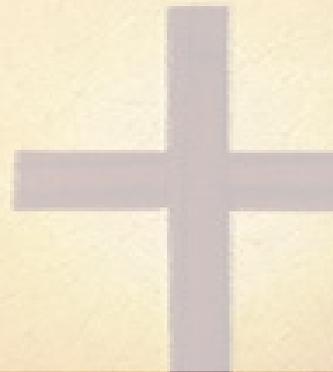
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Christ is going to keep us from the tribulation period which we see described in Revelation as well as in Daniel.

This is great news, if you are Christian you will be watching the tribulation from above!



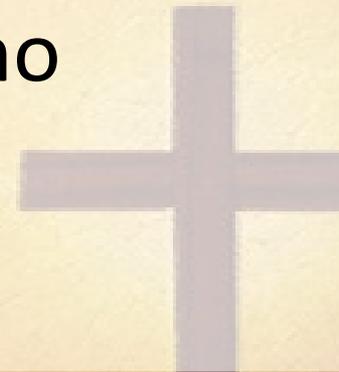
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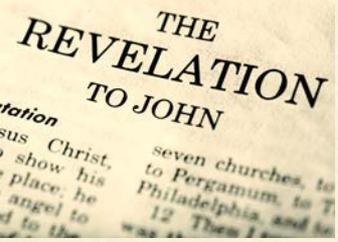


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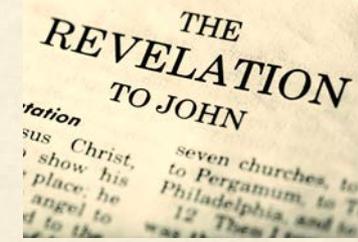


I am coming soon. Hold on to what you have, so that no one will take your crown. Him who overcomes I will make a pillar in the temple of my God. Never again will he leave it. I will write on him the name of my God and the name of the city of my God, the new Jerusalem, which is coming down out of heaven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



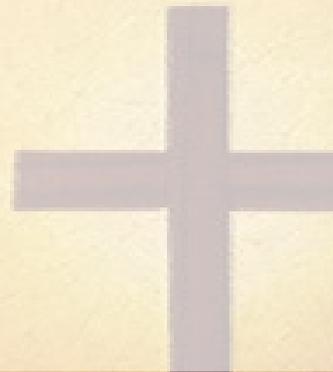


Hold on to what you have



What is this saying to you?

I think this is again saying to hold onto the truth, maintain solid Biblical doctrine and maintain your relationship with Christ.





*so that no one
will take your crown.*



What is Jesus saying to you here?

2 John 1:8- *“Watch out that you do not lose what you have worked for, but that you may be rewarded fully.”*

If we do not continue to hold on or follow the teachings of Christ, we can allow those who are teaching false gospel to prevent us from receiving our full reward.



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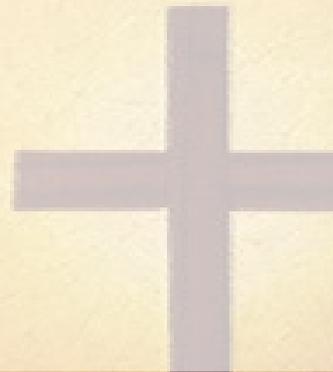
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I am coming soon. Maintain solid Biblical doctrine and maintain your relationship with Me so that no one will prevent you from receiving your full reward. For every Christian I will make a pillar in the temple of my God. Never again will he leave it. They will belong to my God and the new Jerusalem which is coming down out of heaven from my God; and they will also belong to Me as I will also write on them my new name. Everyone on earth hear what I am saying to these churches.

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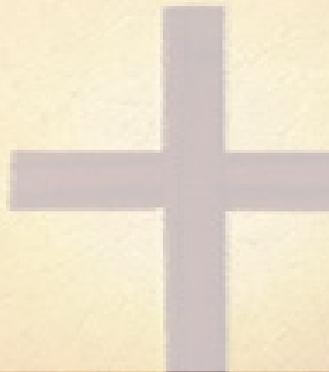


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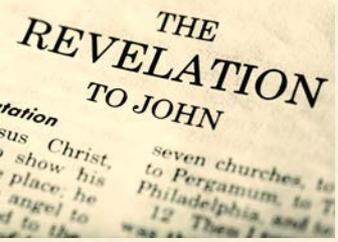


Laodicea

The Laodiceans produced a glossy, black wool that was prized by the wealthy all over the world. In fact, they cornered the market in this commodity, producing tremendous wealth.

Laodicea had one of the most renowned medical schools in the world, and with it came all of its associated industries like pharmaceuticals. They produced a world-famous salve, reputed to cure certain kinds of eye diseases.

Because of the great wealth generated by their textile and medical industries Laodicea became a center of currency exchange and money lending. Laodicea was so wealthy that it was the only city that refused Rome's financial help and rebuilt the city with their own funds when it was destroyed by a first-century earthquake.



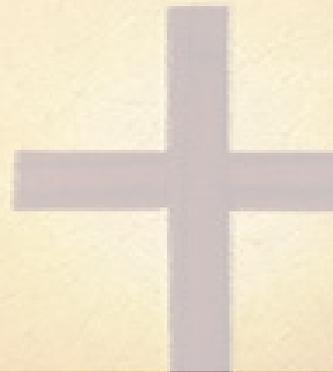
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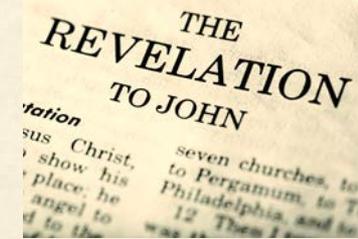
- Rich
- Having great sight (healing eye slave)
- Clothed with the most elegant clothing

We will now see how Jesus sees them





Revelation 3:14-17



“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. I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot. I wish you were either one or the other! So, because you are lukewarm—neither hot nor cold—I am about to spit you out of my mouth. 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.”



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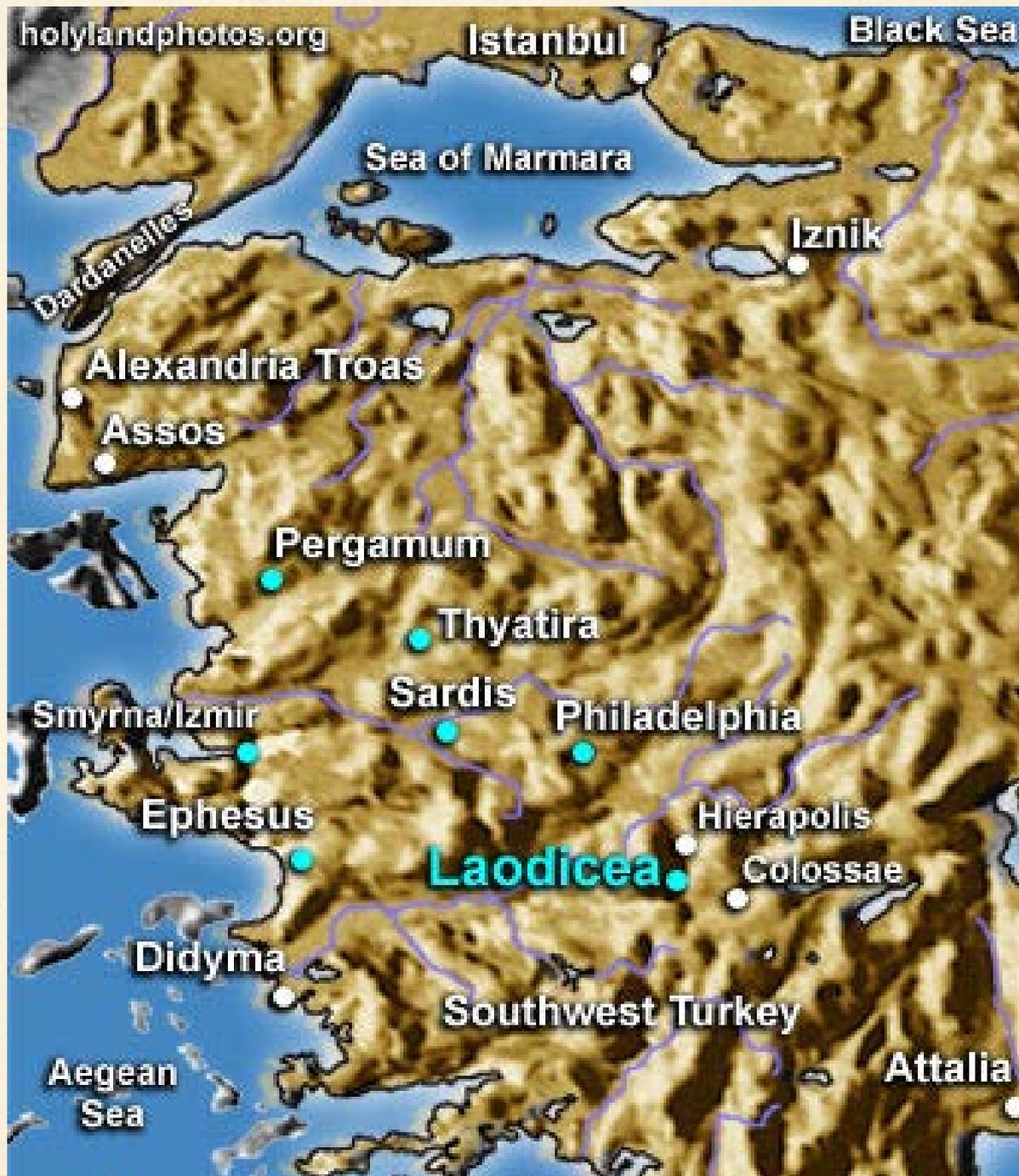
What does this mean to you?

This is another example of a church that has allowed society to influence it rather than the church influencing society. As a result of this influence the church doctrine has become watered down which is useless to Christ.



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the ancient city of Colossae was known for its cold water. Located about eleven miles from Laodicea, Colossae was built at the foot of Mt. Cadmus, which towered more than nine thousand feet high. Colossae was known for a for its many, ice-cold snow-and-rain-fed streams that rushed down from the snow-covered peak of Mt. Cadmus. People in the fertile Lycus River Valley commonly talked about this wonderful, invigorating water.



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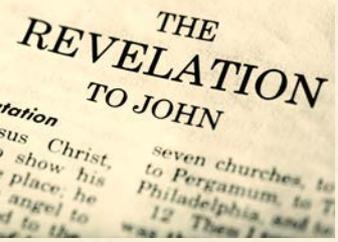
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I counsel you to buy from me gold refined in the fire, so you can become rich; and white clothes to wear, so you can cover your shameful nakedness; and salve to put on your eyes, so you can see.





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What does this mean to you?

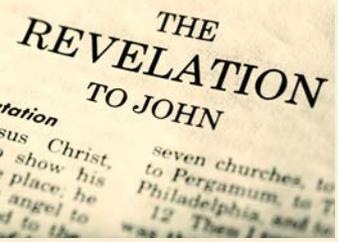
Psalm 19:9-10

The decrees of the Lord are firm, and all of them are righteous.

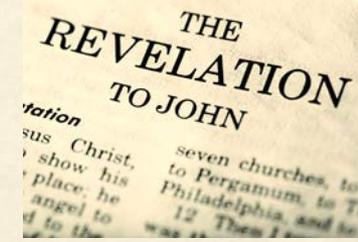
They are more precious than gold, than much pure gold.

This Church needs to follow God's words again to find true riches.



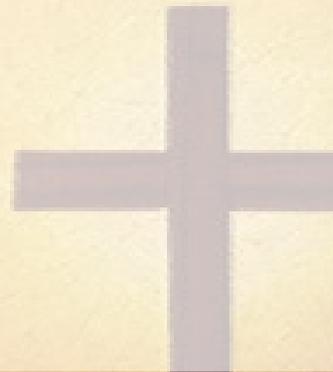


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What does it mean if members in the church are not clothed in white?

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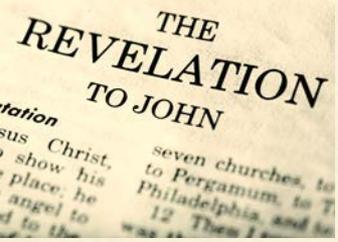
Hear What God Is Telling Us

Revelation 3:18

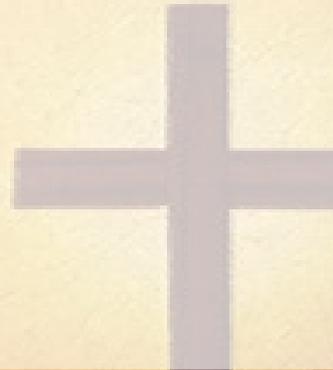
I advise you to buy from me the purest gold, which is My Word and My Law and is the only eternal wealth for a man, so you can become rich; and that you follow me and become born again in fine white garments so you can cover your shameful spiritual nakedness; and that you buy from Me the salve of My Word and My Truth to put on your eyes, so they may be opened from their sinful darkness and you can see the Truth.



Revelation 3:19-20



Those whom I love I rebuke and discipline. So be earnest and repent. 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.



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Where is Christ in relationship to this Church,
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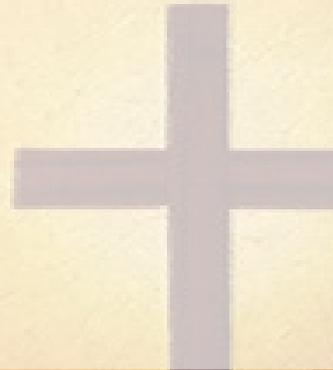
What does this mean?



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The reason I am telling you these things is because I love you. Those whom I love, I rebuke and discipline. So quit being lukewarm, and recover your fire and zeal for My Truth. Here I am! I am standing at your door knocking, asking for you to follow me and My Word, and if you do I will share My life with you, for all eternity.



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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. Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches.



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Revelation 3:21-22

To all born again believers, I will give you the same authority to sit with Me on My throne which was given to me by My Father, just as I overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne. Let everyone on Earth read, follow and act upon what I have told these Churches in this great book of Revelation.

