Revelation 3.1-6 – ***Walk Worthy:* Clothed in White!**

**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.

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

**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.

**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.**

**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.

**6** He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.

1. I know your works: you have a name (#3686 *onoma,* authority, character) that you live and are DEAD!!)

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Remember how John described Jesus in Revelation 1.14: With eyes like a *flame of fire* (1 Cor 3.13 – *Every man’s work shall be made manifest ... revealed by fire ... and the fire shall try every man’s work to see what sort it is*; 1 Peter 1.7 – *trial of your faith more precious than gold though tried by fire*).

\*\*He has the seven Spirits of God, and the seven stars:

Isaiah 11.2 – Spirit of the Lord – Spirit of wisdom and understanding, counsel and might, knowledge and fear of the Lord.

**The Spirit of the Lord gives us wisdom.**

*“For the Lord gives wisdom; From His mouth come knowledge and understanding.”* Proverbs 2:6

**The Spirit of the LORD gives us freedom.**

*“Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.”* 2 Corinthians 3:17

**The Spirit of the Lord gives us understanding.**

*“For this reason also, since the day we heard of it, we have not ceased to pray for you and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding.”* Colossians 1:9

**The Spirit of the Lord provides us counsel.**

*“I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may be with you forever; that is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not see Him or know Him, but you know Him because He abides with you and will be in you.”* John 14:16-17

**The Spirit of the Lord gives us power.**

*“‘But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.’”* Acts 1:8.

**The Spirit of the Lord gives us knowledge.**

*“‘These things I have spoken to you while being present with you. But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.’”* John 14:25-26.

 **The Spirit of the fear of the Lord.**

*“The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instruction.”* Proverbs 1:7

* Spirit of prophesy (Revelation 19.10 *...the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy*.)
* Spirit of grace (Hebrews 10.29 *Of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace?*)
* Spirit of holiness (Romans 1.4 *declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead:*)
* Spirit of supplications and grace (Zechariah 12.10 *I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced*,*...*)
* Spirit of Truth (John 14.17 *Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.* John 15.26 *But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me:*... John 16.13 *Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.* 1 John 4.6 *We are of God: he that knoweth God heareth us; he that is not of God heareth not us. Hereby know we the spirit of truth, and the spirit of error.*)

Application Questions:

1. What works am I doing that Jesus KNOWS -- ?

2. Where do I need LIFE breathed into anything “dead”?

II. Be watchful and strengthen those things that remain and are ready to die – I’ve not found your works perfect before God; REMEMBER how (#4459 *pos* = how much!) you’ve received and heard – **hold fast and repent:** if you **will not** WATCH I’ll come upon you as a THIEF, and you’ll NOT KNOW the hour I’ll come!

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Application Questions:

1. How am I *watchful*/*watching*?
2. How am I *strengthening what remains?*

3. What is *ready to die* that needs to be *strengthened* in my life?

4. Where are my *works not with a perfect heart*? How can I fix them?

5. What do I need to remember? – those things and JUST HOW MUCH I’ve received and heart – that I need to HOLD FAST to?

III. There are a few names in Sardis that haven’t defiled their garments: and they’ll walk with Me in white – **for they are WORTH-y!**  [#514 ***axios --*** deserving, comparable or suitable (as if drawing praise): — due reward!]

**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.

Application Question:

1. What “spots” are on my garment? What has defiled my garment that needs to be addressed?

2. Am I *walking with* Jesus in WHITE – UNDEFILED – WORTH-y? What is stopping that?

How can I fix that?

In Matthew 10:38 (**Matt. 10:38** *And he that taketh not his cross, and followeth after me, is not* ***worthy*** *of me*), we are told that any person who doesn’t take up his cross daily to follow Jesus is not **worthy** of Him. In other words, using the most sacrificial example of all time, being worthy involves great sacrifice.

Ephesians 4.1 *I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye* ***walk worthy*** *of the vocation wherewith ye are called,...*

Colossians 1.10 *That ye might* ***walk worthy*** *of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God;...*

1 Thessalonians 2.12 *That ye would* ***walk worthy*** *of God, who hath called you unto his kingdom and glory.*

Romans 16:2 That ye receive her in the Lord, as **becometh** saints, and that ye assist her in whatsoever business she hath need of you: for she hath been a succourer of many, and of myself also.

Philippians 1:27   Only let your conversation be as it **becometh** the gospel of Christ: that whether I come and see you, or else be absent, I may hear of your affairs, that ye stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel;

Romans 16:2 (NLT) shows us that Paul told the Romans to receive Phoebe in a way **worthy** of the saints. In Ephesians 4:1 (AMP) they are told to live a life “**worthy** of the divine calling to which you have been called.”

IV. He that overcomes shall be clothed in white raiment; I’ll not **blot out** his name out of the Book of Life but will confess his name before My Father and His angels! He that has an ear HEAR what the Spirit SAYS to the Church!

**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.

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Application Question:

1. What do I need to overcome right now?

2. How do I keep my name written in the Book of Life?

Subject Sentence: Jesus has 7 stars of God and holds 7 churches and KNOWS we have a name of LIFE yet are DEAD: we need to WATCH, STRENGTHEN and REMEMBER HOW MUCH we’ve heard and received – hold fast and repent or He’ll come as a THIEF – OVERCOME to be clothed in white and walk with Him and not be blotted out of the Book of Life!

Aim: This passage would cause me to WATCH, STRENGTHEN and REMEMBER HOW MUCH we have received and heard – HOLD FAST, REPENT and OVERCOME – do not defile your garments and walk with HIM in white – *He makes me WORTH-y* (#514 ***axios --*** deserving, comparable or suitable (as if drawing praise): — due reward) so ***walk worthy***!