

# Revelation

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Session 9

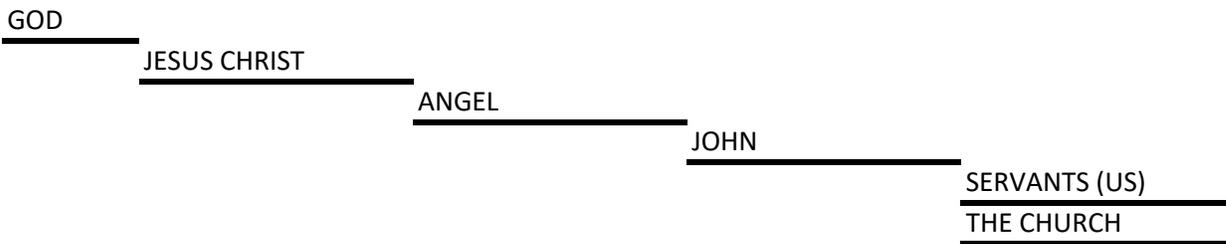
Chapter 3:1-6

It is **IMPOSSIBLE** to gain any understanding of Revelation without being born-again!

Remember....Only **GOD** has all the answers!

**WARNING!!! SATAN** does not want you to learn the **TRUTH** of God's plan!

## The "STEPS" OF REVELATION



Seven stars = messenger/\_\_\_\_\_ of seven churches. Seven lampstands = Seven churches.

## The Seven Churches

Each were a **CONGREGATION**.

Each had a spiritual **CONDITION**.

All but one had a **COMMENDATION**.

All but two had a **CONDEMNATION**.

All but two had a **CONSEQUENCE**.

Each represent seven basic \_\_\_\_\_ in church history.

### Ephesus

Apostolic church - lost \_\_\_\_\_.

### Smyrna

Persecuted church - \_\_\_\_\_.

### Pergamum

State church - \_\_\_\_\_.

### Thyatira

Pagan church - \_\_\_\_\_.

Look at Revelation 3:1-6

## The Church of Sardis

### The Congregation

The "\_\_\_\_\_ " Church. Age of The \_\_\_\_\_. A.D. 1520 - The Tribulation.

Sardis means "\_\_\_\_\_ ones" or those who "come \_\_\_\_\_"

Sardis was the capital city of \_\_\_\_\_ which was a wealthy and prominent city in Asia Minor.

### The Reformation

The \_\_\_\_\_ Reformation developed as a result of the church of Rome's unwillingness to stop pagan doctrines.

The Reformation emphasized Scriptural principles. This was a resurgence in \_\_\_\_\_ studying of the Scriptures.

However, the intent was pure, the result was more "head" knowledge and less "heart" knowledge.

The Church must be \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_!

This forgot that it needs \_\_\_\_\_ working in it for success: THE \_\_\_\_\_ SPIRIT!

### The Dead Church

The two-fold tragedy:

1. They became "\_\_\_\_\_ churches. It eliminated the emphasis on the \_\_\_\_\_ for personal acceptance of Jesus Christ and personal relationship with God.
2. It did not completely \_\_\_\_\_. It kept many of the pagan based practices of the \_\_\_\_\_ church of \_\_\_\_\_.

Look at Revelation 3:1

This is once again addressed first to the messenger/\_\_\_\_\_ then to the \_\_\_\_\_ of the church of Sardis, then to believers \_\_\_\_\_.

This is the Glorified \_\_\_\_\_ Who holds the attributes of The Holy Spirit, and the \_\_\_\_\_ identity of The "seven stars" which is The seven churches.

### The Condemnation

The church of Sardis had a \_\_\_\_\_ for being "alive" but was simply "going through the motions" thus they were Spiritually \_\_\_\_\_.

The church had become "\_\_\_\_\_ " or "organization" focused, rather than "Spirit" or "organism" focused.

The church had lost the \_\_\_\_\_ emphasis of the believer's relationship to God and His Word being required for individual Spiritual \_\_\_\_\_.

It forgot the importance of \_\_\_\_\_ obedience to Jesus Christ, His Holy Spirit, His Word, and God The Father...The Triune (Trinity) \_\_\_\_\_ of God.

Although the church started well, it stopped far short of Scriptural standards. The result was an extremely Spiritually \_\_\_\_\_ condition.

## The Counsel

The Lord counsels of Sardis to do \_\_\_\_\_ things. If they do them they will make them acceptable again:

### 1. "Wake up!"

The Church \_\_\_\_\_ teach Bible prophecy, \_\_\_\_\_, separation, and The Second Coming.

### 2. "Strengthen what remains"

The Church must teach the need for \_\_\_\_\_ doctrinal teaching and must stay \_\_\_\_\_ to The Word.

### 3. "Remember therefore what you have received and heard."

The Church must return to the blessing that comes through \_\_\_\_\_ God's Word and \_\_\_\_\_ on God instead of the state and ritualism.

### 4. "Keep it"

"Keep" is the same as "obey". The Church must stay true to The Gospel, The Word, and not focus on denomination more than devotion to God.

The Lord does not like the concept of "denominations". These are "\_\_\_\_\_ - made". There is only \_\_\_\_\_ Church that is \_\_\_\_\_ made!

### 5. "...and repent."

The Church must not only \_\_\_\_\_ to God, and \_\_\_\_\_ repentance of the believer.

Both must have a submissive \_\_\_\_\_.

## The Consequence

If The Church does not change, it will be working against Christ, thereby becoming an instrument of The Anti-Christ. CHRIST'S WRATH WITHOUT WARNING!

## The Consolation

Look at Revelation 3:4

As in all Church ages, there are \_\_\_\_\_ who remain true to their faith and patiently \_\_\_\_\_ throughout.

They \_\_\_\_\_ to compromise. \_\_\_\_\_ represents righteousness.

They \_\_\_\_\_ in the righteousness of Christ from the point of being \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ to the end.

Unfortunately, they are \_\_\_\_\_; IS THIS YOU????

Look at Revelation 3:5-6

The Challenge

"The one who conquers..."

\_\_\_\_\_ who stay true to Christ will be \_\_\_\_\_.

Their name will be in The Book of Life \_\_\_\_\_!

The Book of Life (The Lamb's Book of Life)

Names are written from the beginning of life. They are \_\_\_\_\_ added, but they can indeed be "blotted out", or "erased", meaning removed. GOD \_\_\_\_\_! HE WANTS YOUR NAME THERE!!!

Listen And Hear....The Time Is Near!