

Thinking Biblically (About the Holy Spirit)

Revelation 3:1-6

- I. Sardis-the Place
- A. Located about _____ miles SE of Thyatira
 - B. Was the capital of the ancient country of Lydia was located on Hermus River which flowed into the Aegean Sea
 - C. The city was on a _____ with the river flowing at the base of the mountain
 - D. The city, located on a major trade route going east and west made it a city with much industry which included such things as _____ making, dye, textiles
 - E. Because of its physical location and successful industry, Sardis felt very _____
 - F. Religiously, Sardis was another city filled with _____ idolatry
- II. Christ's description of _____ to the Church-*These things says He who has the seven Spirits of God and the seven stars: Vs 1a*
- A. He that hath the 7 Spirits of God
 - 1. Symbolism that could infer that Christ has all the _____ of God
 - 2. Cf. 1:4; 4:5; 5:6
 - B. He that hath the 7 Stars
 - 1. A reference to the 7 _____ of the 7 churches
 - 2. Cf. 1:16, 20
- III. Christ's sharing what he knows about the Church **Vs 1b**
- A. He was very much aware of all that they were _____-*I know your works*
 - B. He was not fooled by their _____, even though it seems that they were-*that you have a name that you are alive, but you are dead*
 - 1. "Sardis was famed among the churches for spiritual vitality; yet the Heart-searcher, who seeth not as man seeth, pronounces her dead" *JFB Commentary*
 - 2. Cf. Eph 2:1, 5 VS 2 Tim 3:5; Tit 1:16
- IV. Christ's _____ for what He saw in the Church **Vs 2**
- A. Become what you presently are _____; wake up spiritually to your true condition-*Be watchful*
 - B. Begin to work on those areas where spiritual life is still _____-*strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die:*
 - 1. Find out what is spiritually _____
 - 2. Begin to _____ those areas of life and practice
 - 3. The end result will be survival and _____ to those areas of life that are spiritually dying
 - C. The reason for Christ's concerns and admonition-*for I have not found thy works perfect before God.*
 - 1. Christ has looked at the things the church is doing and has decided they are not complete, _____, upright, or _____ and do not attain to the maturity level that they should
 - 2. The standard by which Christ makes this conclusion is the standard He has established for _____ church, and none can find fault with it or _____ against it
 - 3. After all, Christ is the _____ of the church and should know what it is to be accomplishing
- V. Christ's _____ as to what must be done by this church if it is to survive **Vs 3a**
- A. Remember therefore
 - 1. How thou hast received Cf. Col 2:6; 1 Thess 4:1; 1 Tim 6:20

2. How thou hast heard
- B. *Hold fast*
1. Realizing the value of what has been received from Christ
 2. And the _____ in which God chose to give it (by Grace through Faith)
- C. *Repent*-the _____ outflow of the heart of the wayward Believer impacted by the Grace and _____ of God
- VI. Christ's warning to the _____ of the Church of Sardis **Vs 3b**
- A. *Having been warned still will not remember, hold fast and repent-If therefore thou shalt not watch*
 - B. *Christ will come as a thief-I will come on thee as a thief, and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee*
 1. A thief comes at the _____ time
 2. A thief comes to _____ something away (and _____ behind the rest)
- VII. Christ's _____ to the faithful few, and an admonition to listen to the Holy Spirit as He speaks **Vs 4-6**
- A. The reason Christ will come as a thief-not to _____, but to take what is _____ His and leave behind what _____ to be His but in reality is not **Vs 4-5**
 - B. Listen to the whole message that the Holy Spirit is presenting to the Church as a whole of which: **Vs 6**
 1. These 7 churches are a _____ of the Church as a whole
 2. Each individual message is to be _____ by all the Church