

Revelation 3

Letters to 7 Churches

The Church then, and the Church now. The Church through the ages. A message for me.



Chapter 3 contains the last 3 of 7 letters.



CHURCH:	Sardis 3:1-6	Philadelphia 3:7-13	Laodicea 3:14-22
Symbolic Church Age	Reformation Era 1518 AD-1750	Missionary Church 1750-1900	Apostate Church of the Last Days 1900-present +
Speaker	"He who has the seven Spirits of God and the seven stars."	"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."	"the Amen, the Faithful and True Witness, the Beginning of the creation of God."
Praise	NONE! (did find a few who had not "soiled their clothes" and they would walk with Him in white)	Works, have a little strength (influence, ability), kept His word, not denied His Name. Kept command to persevere* (Missionary church)	NONE!
Problems	Works indicated they had a reputation for being alive, but they were dead. He did not find their "works" complete or perfect before God.	NONE!	Neither hot nor cold (wished they were cold or hot); lukewarm. Say they are rich, have need of nothing, but He says they are wretched, miserable, poor, blind and naked
Counsel or Warning	Be watchful, strengthen what remains (is about to die!) Remember what you heard, hold fast to it, repent OR ELSE I will come as a thief (suddenly) to take away what remains	<i>(This letter informs more than warns)</i> He will make those of the synagogue of Satan come and worship before their feet and know that He has loved them. "I am coming quickly!" Hold fast what you have so no one can take your crown.	I will vomit you out of my mouth! Buy from Me gold refined in the fire (that you may be rich) white garments (that you may be clothed), anoint your eyes with eye salve (that you may see) As many as I love I rebuke and chasten. Be zealous and repent. Open door to Him!
Reward to Overcomer	Clothed in white garments, will not blot name from Book of Life, will confess name before Father and His angels. <i>(covered with righteousness of Christ, remain in Book of Life, right to be with God)</i>	*will keep them from the hour of trial which is coming upon the whole world to test those "who dwell on the earth" Make him a pillar in temple of God, will go out no more, will write on him name of God, name of city of God, New Jerusalem, which comes down out of heaven from God..I will write on him My new name. <i>(eternally have access to God's place, identified with His city, identified with Jesus)</i>	Will sit with Me on My throne. <i>(will share in ruling over Millennial kingdom)</i>
Problem in a nutshell	Complacency , spiritually dead, more interested in material riches	NONE	Lukewarm, pride , more concerned about material wealth than spiritual wealth

