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Revelation 3:1-13



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Dead or alive?



The Lord Jesus had to tell the Christians in Sardis (vv1-6) that they may have a good testimony, but that the multitude is dead, without new life. This is the decisive question: Do you just call yourself a Christian, or do you have life from God?

Yet there are still such in Sardis – sadly only “a few names” (v4) – who belong to the Lord Jesus and to whom He gives wonderful promises.

Philadelphia (vv7-13) may have only a little strength, but the Lord Jesus recognises that they use this strength to cling to Him and to live for Him.



- 12. What does the Lord Jesus say about the works in Sardis?
- 13. What happens with the names of the real believers who are written in the book of life (v5)?
- 14. What does the Lord Jesus promise to Philadelphia in verse 8?
- 15. What warning does Philadelphia receive (v11)?



God does not want hypocrisy, but reality. It is frightening that nearly every letter mentions persons who claim to be something that they are not (chapter 2:2+9+20 and 3:1+9+17).



Even if you believe that you have “only a little strength”: Hold on to what the Lord Jesus has given you.

God’s Church History, part 3

Sardis = the time of the post-reformation church (16th – 18th century)

Philadelphia = the time of revivals (19th century)



12. The works of Sardis are not perfect (v2). 13. The names will not be blotted out of the book of life – eternal security. 14. The door which the Lord Jesus opens, no one can shut. 15. Philadelphia should hold fast what they have until the coming of the Lord Jesus, so that no one will take their crown.