

THE STATE OF THE CHURCH

The Church at Sardis – Part II

Reference: **Revelation 3:1-6**

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ONE...the church at **Ephesus** “The **Loveless** Church”

Reference: **Revelation 2:1-7**

TWO...the church at **Smyrna** “The **Persecuted** Church”

Reference: **Revelation 2:8-11**

THREE...the church at **Pergamos** (Pergamum) “The **Compromised** Church

Reference: **Revelation 2:12-17**

FOUR...the church at **Thyatira** “The **Corrupt** Church”

Reference: **Revelation 2:18-29**

FIVE... the church at **Sardis** “The **Dead** Church”

Reference: **Revelation 3:1-6**

COMMENDATION:

verse four (see screen)

In Scripture someone’s garments or clothes sometimes symbolized his _____.

The fact these Christians at Sardis did not have on defiled garments meant that their basic intrinsic character had not been polluted, dirtied or contaminated by the spiritual deadness that was all around them.

CHALLENGE:

verses five and **six** (see screen)

The over-comer is someone that is a Christian (see **I John 5:4, 5**) and at the end of each of these seven messages there are promises made to the Christian.

Three promises described in **verse five**:

Promise One is that we are going to wear _____

_____.

verse five (see screen)

Three things that white clothing symbolized in ancient societies:

- white symbolized _____
- white symbolized being _____
- white symbolized _____

Promise Two is that our names will **never be** _____ from the Book of Life.
verse five continued (see screen)

Specific statements that describe the Book of Life:

- The Book of Life contains different individual human _____.
- Some names have been or will be _____ from the Book of Life.
 Reference: **Revelation 22:18-19** (see screen)
- Individuals whose names are erased from the Book of Life are sentenced to _____.
 Reference: **Revelation 20:11-15** (see screen)
Luke 16:19-23

See Prophetical Timeline Chart on adjacent page

- Individuals whose names are not erased from the Book of Life meet the _____ requirement into heaven.
 Reference: **Revelation 21:1-27** (see screen)

Promise Three is that we are going to be _____ in a formal sense to God the Father and the angels.
verse five continued (see screen)

