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**To the Church in Sardis**

3 “And

to the angel of the church in Sardis write:

‘The words of him

who has the seven spirits of God

and

the seven stars.

“‘I know your works.

You have the reputation of being alive,

but

you are dead.

2 Wake up,

and

strengthen

what remains

and

is about to die,

for I have not found your works complete in the sight of my God.

3 Remember, then,

what you received

and

heard.

Keep it,

and

repent.

If you will not wake up,

I will come like a thief,

and

you will not know at what hour

I will come against you.

4 Yet

you have still a few names in Sardis,

people

who have not soiled their garments,

and

they will walk with me in white,

for they are worthy.

5 The one

who conquers

will be clothed thus in white garments,

and

I will never blot his name out of the book of life.

I will confess his name before my Father

and

before his angels.

6 He

who has an ear,

let him hear

what the Spirit says to the churches.’

**To the Church in Philadelphia**

7 “And

to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write:

‘The words of the holy one,

the true one,

who has the key of David,

who opens

and

no one will shut,

who shuts

and

no one opens.

8 “‘I know your works.

Behold,

I have set before you an open door,

which no one is able to shut.

I know that

you have but little power,

and yet

you have kept my word

and

have not denied my name.

9 Behold,

I will make those of the synagogue of Satan

who say that

they are Jews

and

are not,

but

lie –

behold,

I will make them come

and

bow down before your feet,

and

they will learn

that I have loved you.

10 Because you have kept my word about patient endurance,

I will keep you from the hour of trial

that is coming on the whole world,

to try those

who dwell on the earth.

11 I am coming soon.

Hold fast

what you have,

so that no one may seize your crown.

12 The one

who conquers,

I will make him a pillar in the temple of my God.

Never shall he go out of it,

and

I will write on him the name of my God,

and

the name of the city of my God,

the new Jerusalem,

which comes down from my God out of heaven,

and

my own new name.

13 He

who has an ear,

let him hear

what the Spirit says to the churches.’

**To the Church in Laodicea**

14 “And

to the angel of the church in Laodicea write:

‘The words of the Amen,

the faithful

and

true witness,

the beginning of God's creation.

15 “‘I know your works:

you are neither

cold

nor

hot.

Would that

you were either

cold

or

hot!

16 So, because you are lukewarm,

and

neither

hot

nor

cold,

I will spit you out of my mouth.

17 For you say,

I am rich,

I have prospered,

and

I need nothing,

not realizing that

you are wretched,

pitiable,

poor,

blind,

and

naked.

18 I counsel you

to buy from me gold refined by fire,

so that you may be rich,

and

white garments

so that you may clothe yourself

and

the shame of your nakedness may not be seen,

and

salve to anoint your eyes,

so that you may see.

19 Those

whom I love,

I reprove

and

discipline,

so be zealous

and

repent.

20 Behold,

I stand at the door

and

knock.

If anyone hears my voice

and

opens the door,

I will come in to him

and

eat with him,

and

he with me.

21 The one

who conquers,

I will grant him

to sit with me on my throne,

as I also conquered

and

sat down with my Father on his throne.

22 He

who has an ear,

let him hear

what the Spirit says to the churches.’”