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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.’”