

Thursday Morning Bible Study

SARDIS 3-5-2020

A CHURCH:

- A PLACE WHERE God LIVES
- A PLACE WHERE Christ LIVES
- A PLACE WHERE THE Holy Spirit LIVES
- A PLACE WHERE Christians ARE ALIVE
- A FELLOWSHIP OF THOSE WHO POSSESS eternal LIFE

THE LORD INTRODUCES HIMSELF AS:

- THE ONE WHO HAS THE 7 Spirits OF GOD
- THE ONE WHO HAS THE 7 Stars

SARDIS:

- RICH IN GOLD AND Silver
- FIRST PLACE THAT MINTED Coins
- WAS VERY Sinful
- THE ANCIENT Capital OF THE LYDIAN KINGDOM
- BUILT 1500 FEET HIGH ON A HIGH PLATEAU
- UNDER ROME IT BECAME A CENTER FOR DYING OF Wool
- HIT IN 17 AD BY AN earthquake
- REBUILT BY Tiberius CAESAR

CONDEMNATION:

- v1 • THEY HAD A NAME THAT THEY WERE ALIVE BUT WERE dead
- v2 • THEIR DEEDS WERE NOT complete IN THE SIGHT OF GOD

DEADNESS IN THE SPIRITUAL DIMENSION IS ALWAYS CONNECTED TO sin

EP. 2:1 AND YOU WERE DEAD IN YOUR TRESPASSES AND SINS

COL. 2:13 WHEN YOU WERE DEAD IN YOUR TRANSGRESSIONS

v4 THE WORD "FEW" MEANS:

- Slack
- Small

THE WORD "SOILED" MEANS:

- TO Smear
- TO pollute
- TO Stain
- USED TO REFER TO THE dying OF CLOTH

THE TERM FOR "GARMENTS" HAS REFERENCE TO:

- A PERSON'S Character
- A SYMBOL OF goodness OR VIRTUE

JESUS GIVES 5 KEY COMMANDS FOR REVIVAL:

1. Wake UP

FOR BELIEVERS THIS MEANS:

- ACCESS YOUR Condition
- Look AROUND YOU
- BECOME Alert AND WATCH
- MAKE AN evaluation
- Care
- GET involved

FOR UNBELIEVERS THIS MEANS:

- COME Alive
- GET Saved

IF NOT THE RESULT WILL BE judgement

2. Strengthen THE THINGS THAT REMAIN
A COMMAND TO believer (the few)

3. Remember WHAT YOU HAVE RECEIVED AND HEARD
A COMMAND TO believers
THIS IS SPEAKING OF The Bible (THE WORD)

4. Keep IT
A COMMAND TO believers
ANOTHER WORD FOR KEEP WOULD BE "Obey"

5. Repent
A COMMAND FOR BELIEVERS AND unbelievers
TO turn AWAY FROM ANY SIN IN YOUR LIFE
TO GO A DIFFERENT direction ALTOGETHER (GOD'S WAY)