

Bible Study

The Seven Churches Part 5 - Sardis



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And out of the throne proceeded lightnings and thunderings
and voices: and there were **seven lamps of fire** burning
before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God

Matthew 3:11

I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance:
but He that cometh after me is mightier than I,
whose shoes I am not worthy to bear:
He shall **baptize you with the Holy Spirit**, and with **fire**

Acts 2:3

And there appeared unto them cloven tongues
like as of **fire**, and it sat **upon each of them**.

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And they were all **filled with the Holy Spirit**, and began to
speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

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Matthew 28:19

Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, **baptizing** them in the
name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit:

Matthew 28:20

Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have
commanded you: and, lo, ***I am with you alway,***
even unto the end of the world. Amen.

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Daniel 8:7

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with choler against him, and smote the ram, and
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to stand before him, but he cast him down to the ground,
and stamped upon him: and there was **none that could**
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Ephesians 1:17	...God ...may give unto you the spirit of <u>wisdom</u> and <u>revelation in the knowledge</u> of Him:
Ephesians 1:18	The <u>eyes of your understanding</u> being <u>enlightened</u> ; that ye may <u>know</u> ...
Proverbs 4:7	<u>Wisdom</u> is the principal thing; therefore get <u>wisdom</u> ; and with all thy getting get <u>understanding</u> .
Proverbs 15:3	The <u>eyes of the LORD</u> are <u>in every place</u> , beholding the evil and the good.
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Revelation 1:20 The mystery of the **seven stars** which thou sawest
 in **My right hand**, and the **seven golden candlesticks**.
 The **seven stars are the angels of the seven churches**:
 and the **seven candlesticks** which thou sawest
 are the seven churches.

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John 6:63 It is the **spirit that quickeneth**; the flesh profiteth nothing:
 the **words that I speak unto you**, they are **spirit**,
 and they are **life**.

Ephesians 2:1 And you hath **He quickened**,
 who were **dead in trespasses and sins**;

Ephesians 2:2 Wherein in time past
 ye walked according to the course of this world...

1 John 2:6 **He that saith he abideth in Him**
 ought himself also so to **walk, even as He walked**.

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Exodus 20:7	Thou shalt not <u>take the name of the LORD</u> thy God <u>in vain</u> ; for the <u>LORD will not hold him guiltless</u> that <u>taketh His name in vain</u> .
Matthew 15:8	This people <u>draweth nigh unto Me with their mouth</u> , and <u>honoureth Me with their lips</u> ; <u>but their heart is far from Me</u> .
Matthew 15:9	But <i>in vain they do worship Me</i> , teaching for doctrines the commandments of men .
Matthew 4:10	...Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and Him only shalt thou serve .

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Ancient Sardis **had been** one of the greatest cities in it's time as the capital of Lydia
At the time of this letter Sardis **had lost all of it's prestige** / was in **state of decay**
Once 2nd largest city in the Roman Empire - ruins near small town of Sart in Turkey

Reformation had succeeded in bringing back the Bible as the rule of faith - yet dead?
Jesuit led Counter-Reformation / Council of Trent 1542-65 / scripture AND tradition
Reformed churches got stuck where their founders left them / made no advancement

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that are ready to die:
for I have **not found thy works perfect before God.****

Habakkuk 2:1 **I will stand upon my watch**, and set me upon the tower,
and will watch to see what **He will say unto me**,
and what I shall answer **when I am reproved**.

Matthew 26:41 **Watch and pray**, that ye *enter not into temptation:*
the **spirit indeed is willing**, but the *flesh is weak*.

Luke 22:31 And the Lord said, Simon, Simon, behold,
Satan hath desired to have you,
that he may ***sift you as wheat***:

Luke 22:32 But **I have prayed** for thee, that thy faith fail not:
and **when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren**.

Habakkuk 2:4 ...the **just shall live by his faith**.

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Matthew 5:48 **Be ye therefore perfect**,
even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.

Jude 1:24 Now unto **Him that is able to keep you from falling**,
and to **present you faultless** before the presence
of His glory with exceeding joy

Psalms 138:8 The **LORD will perfect that which concerneth me:**
Thy mercy, O LORD, endureth for ever:
forsake not the works of Thine own hands.

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Counsel **Remember** therefore how thou hast received and heard,
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Revelation 3:4 Thou hast a **few names** even in Sardis
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Jude 1:3 **...earnestly contend for the faith**
which was once delivered unto the saints.

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and to **present you faultless...**

Matthew 4:17 From that time **Jesus began to preach**, and to say,
Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

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Matthew 24:43 But know this, that if the **goodman of the house had**
known in what watch the thief would come,
he would have watched, and would not have suffered
his house to be broken up.

Matthew 24:44 ***Therefore be ye also ready:*** for in such
an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh.

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1 Thessalonians 5:4 But **ye, brethren, are not in darkness**, that **that day should overtake you as a thief**.

1 Thessalonians 5:5 ***Ye are all the children of light***, and the children of the day: we are **not of the night, nor of darkness**.

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Jude 1:23 And others **save with fear, pulling them out of the fire; hating even the garment spotted by the flesh**.

Romans 8:13 For if ye **live after the flesh**, ye shall **die**: but if ye ***through the Spirit*** do mortify the deeds of the **body**, ye shall **live**.

Revelation 16:15 Behold, **I come as a thief**. Blessed is he that **watcheth**, and **keepeth his garments**, lest he **walk naked**, and they see his shame.

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Ephesians 5:26 That [Christ] might **sanctify and cleanse** [the church] with the **washing of water by the word**,

Ephesians 5:27 That He might present it to Himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.

Romans 4:3 For what **saith the scripture**? Abraham **believed God**, and it was counted unto him for righteousness.

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Leviticus 13:13 Then the priest shall consider: and, behold, if the **leprosy** have covered all **his flesh**, he shall **pronounce him clean** that hath the plague: it is all turned white: he is clean.

Revelation 19:8 And to her was granted that she should be **arrayed in fine linen, clean and white**: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints.

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Revelation 7:9	After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude , which no man could number , of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne , and before the Lamb, <u>clothed with white robes</u> , and <i>palms in their hands</i>
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Exodus 32:33	And the LORD said unto Moses, Whosoever hath <u>sinned</u> against Me , him <u>will I blot out of my book</u> .
Revelation 21:27	And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that <u>defileth</u> , neither whatsoever worketh abomination , or maketh a lie: but <u>they which are written</u> in the <u>Lamb's book of life</u> .
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Psalms 51:1	Have mercy upon me, O God , according to Thy lovingkindness: according unto the multitude of Thy tender mercies <i>blot out my transgressions</i> .
Psalms 51:2	Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity , and <u>cleanse</u> me from my sin .

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