

## 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,***  
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Matthew 28:18	And <b>Jesus</b> came and spake unto them, saying, <b><u>All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth</u></b> .

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- Ephesians 1:17      ...God ...may give unto you the **spirit of wisdom**  
                                  and **revelation in the knowledge** of Him:
- Ephesians 1:18      The **eyes of your understanding being enlightened**;  
                                  that ye may know...
- Proverbs 4:7      **Wisdom is the principal thing**; therefore get **wisdom**;  
                                  and with all thy getting get **understanding**.
- Proverbs 15:3      The **eyes of the LORD are in every place**,  
                                  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:  
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                                  **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 **take the name of the LORD** thy God  
    **in vain**; for the **LORD will not hold him guiltless**  
    that **taketh His name in vain**.

Matthew 15:8      This people **draweth nigh unto Me with their mouth**,  
    and **honoureth Me with their lips**;  
    **but their heart is far from Me**.

Matthew 15:9      But ***in vain they do worship Me***,  
    **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,  
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- 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,  
and hold fast, and repent. **If therefore**  
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and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee.

Revelation 3:4      Thou hast a **few names** even in Sardis  
which have not defiled their garments;  
and they shall walk with Me in white: for they are worthy.

Jude 1:3      **...earnestly contend for the faith**  
**which was once delivered unto the saints.**

Jude 1:24      **...Him that is able to keep you from falling,**  
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 <b>great multitude</b> , which <b>no man could number</b> , of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, <b>stood before the throne</b> , and before the <b>Lamb, clothed with white robes</b> , and <b><i>palms in their hands</i></b>
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Exodus 32:33	And the LORD said unto Moses, <b>Whosoever hath sinned</b> against Me, him <u>will I blot out of my book</u> .
Revelation 21:27	And there shall in <b>no wise enter into it any thing that</b> <b><u>defileth</u></b> , neither whatsoever <b>worketh abomination</b> , or <b>maketh a lie: but they which are written</b> in the <u>Lamb's book of life</u> .
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Psalms 51:1	<b>Have mercy</b> upon me, <b>O God</b> , according to Thy lovingkindness: according unto the multitude of Thy tender mercies <b><i>blot out my transgressions</i></b> .
Psalms 51:2	<b>Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity</b> , and <u>cleanse me from my sin</u> .

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Luke 12:8 Also I say unto you,  
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1 Corinthians 13:1 Though I ***speak*** with the ***tongues*** of men and ***of angels***,  
and **have not charity**, I am become as sounding brass,  
or a tinkling cymbal.

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Closing He that hath an ear,  
let him ***hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches***.

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