**The Book of**

 **Revelation**

Lesson Number Seven

**“Walk Through the Bible” Series**

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**Study Guide**

**Message to the Pastor at Sardis**

**Revelation 3:1-6 (NLT)**

1 “Write this letter to the angel of the church in Sardis. This is the message from the one who has the sevenfold Spirit of God and the seven stars: “I know all the things you do, and that you have a reputation for being alive—but you are dead. 2 Wake up! Strengthen what little remains, for even what is left is almost dead. I find that your actions do not meet the requirements of my God. 3 Go back to what you heard and believed at first; hold to it firmly. Repent and turn to me again. If you don’t wake up, I will come to you suddenly, as unexpected as a thief. 4 “Yet there are some in the church in Sardis who have not soiled their clothes with evil. They will walk with me in white, for they are worthy. 5 All who are victorious will be clothed in white. I will never erase their names from the Book of Life, but I will announce before my Father and his angels that they are mine. 6 “Anyone with ears to hear must listen to the Spirit and understand what he is saying to the churches.

Jesus refers to Himself as the one who has the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Spirit of God and the seven stars.

Jesus walked the earth in the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

He was God but He willingly stripped off His \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and laid it aside. He had to walk this life completely as a man without any of the attributes of his deity in order to pay the price for our sins. Phil. 2:6-8; 1 Jn. 2:22; 4:1-3

Jesus walked and operated in the Spirit from the time of His first \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (changing water into wine at the wedding in Cana of Galilee Jn. 2:1-11) until his resurrection. Everything miraculous that He did was only through the anointing of the Holy Spirit which is the same power we have in our lives!

**Four Things about the Church in Sardis**

1. God knew their works.
2. They had a “name” or a reputation of being a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ but in reality were “dead!”
3. Their works were not perfect before God.
4. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the members in the Church in Sardis were not godly!

**Jesus gave five commands to the Church in Sardis.**

1. Wake up! Or “Be watchful” – Pay attention to how you are living your Christian life.
2. Strengthen the things that remain.
3. Remember what you learned and were taught when you first believed.
4. Hold on tightly to those things you first learned.
5. Repent and turn back to the Lord and the foundations of the doctrines of Christ.

**Promises to the Overcomer**

1. Walk with Me in white (Rev. 3:4)

2. Be clothed in white clothing (raiment) (Rev. 3:5; cp. Rev. 3:18; 4:4; 6:11; 7:9,13; 15:6; 19:8,14)

 3. I will not blot his name out of the book of life (Rev. 3:5; cp. Rev. 22:18-19; Ex. 32:32-33; Ps. 69:28)

 4. I will confess his name before My Father and the angels (Rev. 3:5)

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What is the Book of Life?

It is a book that the names of the righteous are written in.

When a person is born, their name is written in the Book of Life and if they do not turn to Jesus, their names are blotted out of the book.

The first mention of the Book of Life:

**Exodus 32:31-33 (NLT)**

31 So Moses returned to the LORD and said, “Oh, what a terrible sin these people have committed. They have made gods of gold for themselves. 32 But now, if you will only forgive their sin—but if not, erase my name from the record you have written!” 33 But the LORD replied to Moses, “No, I will erase the name of everyone who has sinned against me.

When everyone is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, their name is in the book of Life.

Evil people’s names will be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ from the book of Life.

**Psalm 69:28 (NLT)**

28 Erase their names from the Book of Life; don’t let them be counted among the righteous.

**Daniel 12:1 (NLT)**

1 “At that time Michael, the archangel who stands guard over your nation, will arise. Then there will be a time of anguish greater than any since nations first came into existence. But at that time every one of your people whose name is written in the book will be rescued.

This is speaking of the people who come to know Christ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the rapture. The Church will be in heaven during Daniel’s 70th week or the 7 year tribulation.

**Revelation 3:5 (NLT)**

5 All who are victorious will be clothed in white. **I will never erase their names from the Book of Life**, but I will announce before my Father and his angels that they are mine.

Your name can be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ out and then put back in. We see this with the example of Aaron, Moses’s brother.

**The Book of Life**

This is the first mention of the book of God in which the names of the righteous are written. It is referred to in Scripture under various terms: "Thy book" and "My book" (Ex. 32:32-33); "the book of the living" (Ps. 69:28); "the book" (Dan. 12:1); "the book of life" (Php. 4:3; Rev. 3:5; 13:8; 17:8; 20:11-15; 22:18-19); and "the Lamb's book of life" (Rev. 21:27). Just because "book of life" does not appear in all of these passages does not mean the reference in any one instance is to something else. Just as we have several names for the Bible -- "the holy scriptures" (Rom. 1:2; 2Tim. 3:15); "the oracles of God" (Rom. 3:2; Heb. 5:12; 1Pet. 4:11); "the law and the prophets" (Lk. 24:25-44); "the word of God" (Mk. 7:13; Rom. 10:17; Heb. 4:12); "the sword of the Spirit" (Eph. 6:17); and others -- so we have several names for the book of life.

Here God confirmed Moses' belief that names can and will be blotted out of the book of life when men incur the eternal death penalty (Ex. 32:33). The psalmist predicted it in the case of Judas (Ps. 69:20-28). Christ warned of it regarding all who would not overcome sin (Rev. 3:5; 22:18-19). This -- God's word, not man's -- is definite, not doubtful; it is universal and eternal in application, not local and limited.

**Seven Proofs that Aaron's Name Was in the Book of Life**

1. He was born again (Dt. 32:18).

2. He was holy (Ex. 19:6; 22:31; Lev. 11:44-45; 21:6-8).

3. He had his name written in heaven (Ex. 32:32-33).

4. He was a prophet (Ex. 7:1).

5. He was a miracle worker (Ex. 7:1-17; 8:6,16; 11:10; 12:1; Ps. 77:20).

6. He was in God's grace or favor until he sinned in the matter of the golden calf, for he was in charge of all Israel at that time (Ex. 24:14; 32:1).

 7. He had seen God and had eaten with Him on Sinai (Ex. 24:1-11).

**Aaron Had His Name Blotted Out**

This is what God said He would do for those who had sinned in the matter of the golden calf (Ex. 32:32-33). That Aaron sinned is plainly stated (Ex. 32:1-6,21-24,30); therefore, it can only be concluded that his name was blotted out along with names of others who sinned at that time. Both God and Moses said that Aaron sinned (Ex. 32:7-10,30-33). Aaron was a special object of God's wrath (Dt. 9:20).

**Aaron Was Forgiven and Spared**

God forgave Aaron and others in Israel after much intercession by Moses, and after atonement was made and sin acknowledged (Ex. 32:11-14,30-33; Dt. 9:12-21). After his name was blotted out and put back in the book of life, he continued as high priest for about thirty-eight years (Ex. 39; Lev. 6:9; 8:1-36; 13:1; 16:1-23).

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**The Church in Philadelphia**

Keys signify \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Four Things about the Church in Philadelphia

1. Jesus knew their works
2. Jesus opened a door for them that no one could close.
3. They had just a little strength but did not deny Jesus. Mt. 17:20; Mk. 11:22-24
4. They kept the Word. Lk. 11:28
5. They had not denied Christ’s name.

Notes: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_