

## 20220227 In the sight of God

Revelation 3:1-6

<sup>1</sup> "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.

<sup>2</sup> 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.

<sup>3</sup> 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.

<sup>4</sup> 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.

<sup>5</sup> 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.

<sup>6</sup> He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.'

### 1. The spiritual situation of the church (diagnosis)

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### 2. Necessary actions for restoration

<sup>2</sup> 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. Specific Remedy (prescription)

<sup>3</sup> **Remember**, then, what you received and heard. **Keep** it, and **repent**.

One. Remember what we received and heard.

Two. Keep it. Hold fast.

Three. Repent.

### 4. Consequence of disobedience

<sup>3</sup> ...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.

- Losing spiritual sensitivity -

### Romans 8:5-8

<sup>5</sup> For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit.

<sup>6</sup> For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.

<sup>7</sup> Because the carnal mind is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be.

<sup>8</sup> So then, those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

### 5. Encouragement for the faithful

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