

Date: March 16, 2025

Text: Revelation 3: 1 - 13

- 3: 1 Spiritual death of Sardis was not bodily but in contrast to the living in it's _____
- Greek: pleroo - _____ works. Christ asked his church to be complete just as His character is complete. "seven Spirits"

- Christ's cure for spiritual "death"

1. _____ up!
2. _____ the things that remain
3. _____ what you have received and heard
4. _____ the things you have seen and heard
5. _____

- Not denied My name –
- You have "mikros dynamis" (little power) –
- _____ from the hour of trial (or testing)
 - "Hour" symbolic of a fixed period of time.
 - Will be global....not isolated.
 - Phrase "earth dwellers" in Scripture is always in relation to unbelievers.

Takeaways from our text

1. Be diligent and active that we don't fall into a spiritual slumber. Be diligent and intentional!
2. Don't forget that in Christ's kingdom that a "tiny firecracker" means a lot!

Answers: effectiveness, completed, Wake, Strengthen, Remember, Keep, Repent, purity, victory, confess, will never, likeness, key, Kept

- Rewards for the "overcomer."

1. Walk with Christ and will be clothed in white garments: a symbol of _____ & _____

2. He will _____ their name before His Father and before His angels

3. Name _____ be erased from the book of life

a. An "overcomer is by definition a born again believer by faith

b. 1 John 5: 4-5 **For everything that has been born of God overcomes the world; and this is the overcoming that has overcome the world—our faith. Who is the one who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?**

c. An "overcomer" is a saint who's time on earth has been completed and persevered in faith

Philadelphia – one of two churches (Smyrna) not chastised by the Lord

- Three important attributes of the Lord in relation to this church

1. His holiness – the priority in our _____ to Him is our separation from the world

2. He is true – genuine or complete authenticity. Who we measure all claims against. The "straight stick of truth."

3. Possesses the _____ of David and had authority to open and shut as He pleases – Christ holds the authority to David's messianic domain.

- Known as the church of the "open door." Three reasons!

- o Kept My Word-