Revelation 3

E. The Church at Sardis

1 And unto the angel of the church in Sardis write; These things saith he that hath the seven Spirits of God, and the seven stars;

- 1. The Good
 - a. You have worked in the past

I know thy works,

b. Your name once was alive that thou hast a name that thou livest,

2. The Bad – YOU'RE DEAD! and art dead.

- 3. The Fix:
 - a. Watch and be strong
- 2 Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die: for I have not found thy works perfect before God.
 - b. Remember
- 3 Remember therefore how thou hast received and heard,
- c. Hold on and hold fast,
- d. Repent change of mind and repent.

4. A Warning

If therefore thou shalt not watch, I will come on thee as a thief, and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee.

- 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**.
 - 5. The Reward
 - a. Clothed in white
- 5 He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment;
- b. Name is not blotted out and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life,
 - c. He will be Confessed before God

but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels.

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

F. The Church at Philadelphia

7 And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write; These things saith he that is holy, he that is true, he that hath the key of David, he that openeth, and no man shutteth; and shutteth, and no man openeth;

1. The Good:

a. The Works

8 I know thy works: behold, I have set before thee **an open door**, and **no man** can shut it:

b. Keep His Word

for thou hast a little strength, and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name.

2. The Bad:

a. There are liars trying to defeat you

9 Behold, I will make them of the **synagogue of Satan**, which say they are Jews, and are not, but **do lie**; behold, I will make them to come and worship before thy feet, and to know that **I** have loved thee.

3. The Fix:

a. Patience

10 Because thou hast kept the word of **my patience**, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth.

b. Consistency

11 Behold, I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown.

4. The Reward:

a. He will make a them a permanent standing in the Temple

12 Him that overcometh will I make a pillar(permanent column) in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out:

b. God will give him a new name

and I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, which is new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God: and I will write upon him my new name.

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

G. The Church of the Laodiceans

14 And unto the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write; These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God;

1. The Good: You work

15 I know thy works,

2. The Bad:

a. Lukewarm

that **thou art neither cold nor hot**: I would thou wert cold or hot.

16 So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth.

b. You are Proud of your wealth

17 Because thou sayest, **I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing**; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked:

3. The Fix: Be zealous and Repent

- 18 I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see.
- 19 As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent.
- 20 Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.

4. The Reward: Sit with Jesus

- 21 To him that overcometh will I grant **to sit with me in my throne**, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne.
- 22 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.