

VBF Study in Revelation

Lesson 17 Revelation 3:1-6

As you read through Revelation and begin this study, ask God to open your heart. As the Psalmist prayed: "Open my eyes, that I may behold Wonderful things from Thy law" (Psalm 119:18).

Assignment: Read through Revelation chapter 2 and attempt to answer the following discussion questions from the text alone.

Questions:

1. Looking in a Bible handbook or the notes of your Bible..., what do we know about Sardis? How might their history relate to what is said in 3:1-6?

2. How does Jesus describe Himself in 3:1?

(Note: questions 3-9 are a review of what you learned in Lesson 5)

3. Looking at the following passages make observations concerning "the seven Spirits of God"

a. Rev 1:4

b. Rev 3:1

c. Rev 4:5

d. Rev 5:6

4. Look at Zechariah 4:1-10, note the occurrences of the term Spirit and seven.

5. How does Zechariah describe "these seven" in 4:10? How does this relate to Revelation 5:6?

6. Thinking of your answer to question 5 and what Zechariah says in 4:6, who do you think the "this seven" represents in this context?

7. Look at Isaiah 11:2 and count the references to the "Spirit of" that "will rest on Him" (referring to 11:1, which refers to Christ).

8. In Revelation and in many other passages the number seven usually point to the idea of _____ .

9. Thinking of all the previous passages, who does the seven Spirits of God represent?

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10. Make observations from the following concerning seven stars:
 - a. 1:16
 - b. 1:20
 - c. 2:1
 - d. 3:1
11. Thinking of your previous answers and looking at 3:1-6, why do you think Jesus describes Himself in this manner (3:1)?
12. From 3:1, describe the church at Sardis from Christ's point of view and from those in Sardis's view. Can dead things be alive?
13. What four things does Jesus command this church to do in 3:2-3a and why? How do these things relate to each other?
14. What do you think is it that the church at Sardis received and heard, which it needs to remember and to keep (3:3)? Think of Scriptures that support your answer.
15. What will Jesus do if they do not repent (3:3)? How does this relate to the following: 1Thes. 5:1-11, 2Pet 3:10 & 2Pet 3:7, Rev. 16:15
16. In contrast to those who identify with the church, yet are on the verge of judgment, because they are spiritually dead, describe those in 3:4. Are there a lot or a few?
17. What will be given to the one who overcomes (Rev.3:5)? Will you overcome and be given these things? If so, explain why from 1John 5.
18. Are you hearing? Rev 3:6.