

revelation

SESSION 5 – Sardis, Philadelphia, and Laodicea

CHURCH AT SARDIS

Revelation 3:1-6

SARDIS BACKGROUND

- 30 Miles SE of Thyatira
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- They took pride in their so-called fame, wealth, and pride.
 - Temple of Cybala, Acropolis, Necropolis.
 - “Cemetery of 100 Hills” – Hundreds of burial mounds 7 miles away.
- The city was falling apart.

JESUS KNOWS (v.1)

- “7 Spirits, 7 Stars” –

JESUS CONFRONTS (v.1)

- Jesus offers no word of commendation or praise to this church.

JESUS CORRECTS (v.2-3)

- “Wake up”
- “Strengthen what remains.”
- “Remember what you have received and heard.”
- “Keep it.”
- “Repent.”

JESUS COMMENDS (v.4)

JESUS CONFESSES (v.5-6)

CHURCH AT PHILADELPHIA

Revelation 3:7-13

PHILADELPHIA BACKGROUND

JESUS INTRODUCES HIMSELF

- “Holy” -
- “True” -
- “Key of David” (Sovereign) –

JESUS HAS THE POWER TO OPEN DOORS FOR THE CHURCH (v.8)

- This is the same language we heard from Paul during his ministry.

GOD HAS THE POWER TO GRANT OPPORTUNITY TO THE CHURCH. (v.9-11)

GOD REWARDS THE FAITHFULNESS OF THE CHURCH. (v.12-13)

CHURCH AT LAODICEA

Revelation 3:14-22

LAODICEA BACKGROUND

JESUS INTRODUCES HIMSELF (v.14)

- “The Amen” –

JESUS CONDEMNS THE CHURCH (v.15)

JESUS SHARES HIS THOUGHTS ABOUT THIS KIND OF CHURCH (v.16-17)

- “You make me sick.” (v.16) –

SALT –

LIGHT –

JESUS OFFERS WARNING AND CORRECTION TO THE CHURCH (v.18-22)

- “Wake up.” –
- “Let me in.” -