



HOUSE of DELIVERANCE

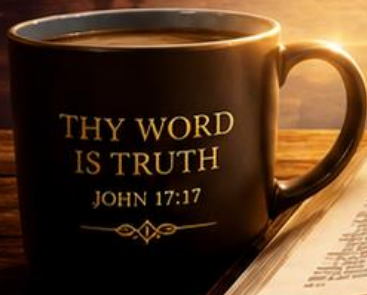
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SERMON NOTES

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

Revelation 3:6



WORSHIP



THE WORD



COMMUNITY



OUTREACH

EXALTING JESUS. EQUIPPING BELIEVERS. EXPANDING THE KINGDOM.

WAKE UP AND WALK WITH CHRIST

Text: Revelation 3:4–6

Theme: Walking with Christ in holiness, faithfulness, and perseverance

Key Thought: Even when others compromise, God knows the faithful few who will walk with Him.

INTRODUCTION

Last week Jesus rebuked the church at Sardis.

They had a reputation for being alive, but in heaven's eyes they were dead.

Jesus told them:

WAKE UP!

STRENGTHEN WHAT REMAINS!

REMEMBER!

REPENT!

But when we come to verse 4, the tone changes.

Even in a spiritually dying church, Jesus found a faithful few!

“Thou hast a few names even in Sardis.”

No matter how dark the world becomes, **GOD ALWAYS HAS A REMNANT!**

God has never needed the majority to accomplish His purpose.

He needs somebody willing to **STAND** when everybody else **BOWS!**

Three Truths

1. God knows the faithful.
2. God rewards the faithful.
3. God calls us to remain faithful until the end.

I. GOD KNOWS THOSE WHO REMAIN FAITHFUL

Revelation 3:4

“Thou hast a few names even in Sardis.”

Notice Jesus said:

A FEW NAMES.

Not many.

A FEW!

Faithfulness has never been determined by numbers.

- Noah stood when the world was wicked.
- Abraham followed when God told him to leave.
- Joseph remained faithful in Egypt.
- Daniel stood in Babylon.
- The three Hebrew boys stood before Nebuchadnezzar when everybody else bowed.

GOD ALWAYS HAS A REMNANT!

Sometimes it looks like everybody is compromising.

Everybody is changing.

Everybody is accepting what the Bible condemns.

But Jesus says:

“I STILL HAVE A FEW!”

And notice He did not simply say “a few people.”

He said:

“A FEW NAMES.”

That means **JESUS KNOWS YOU PERSONALLY!**

He knows who still prays.
He knows who still studies His Word.
He knows who still lives right.
He knows who serves when nobody is watching.
He knows who remains faithful when nobody applauds.

People may overlook your faithfulness.

BUT JESUS DOESN'T!

The church may forget you. The world may ignore you. Your family may misunderstand you.

BUT HEAVEN KNOWS YOUR NAME!

Jesus said in **John 10:14**:

"I am the good shepherd, and know my sheep."

Preach

"YOU MAY FEEL FORGOTTEN ON EARTH, BUT YOUR NAME IS KNOWN IN HEAVEN!"

II. THEY REFUSED TO DEFILE THEIR GARMENTS

Jesus continues:

"Which have not defiled their garments."

Garments in Scripture often represent our spiritual condition.

White garments: purity, righteousness, victory.

Defiled garments: sin, compromise, spiritual contamination.

Sardis was surrounded by:

- Wealth
- Luxury
- Pagan worship
- Immorality
- Worldly influence

Yet there were some believers who said:

WE WILL NOT LET SARDIS GET INTO US!

We are living in a world where:

Sin is promoted.

Holiness is mocked.

Truth is questioned.

Compromise is celebrated.

But church:

GOD HAS NOT CHANGED HIS STANDARD!

1 Peter 1:16

“Be ye holy; for I am holy.”

Holiness is not merely what we do not do.

Holiness is becoming MORE LIKE JESUS!

It affects:

- How we talk.
- How we treat people.
- What we watch.
- Our relationships.
- Our business dealings.
- What we do privately.
- How we behave when nobody is watching.

The Holy Ghost does not just want to make you **SHOUT**.

He wants to make you **HOLY!**

He does not simply forgive us.

HE TRANSFORMS US!

The closer we walk with Christ, the less comfortable we become with sin.

III. THE REWARD OF HOLINESS

Revelation 3:4

“And they shall walk with me in white: for they are worthy.”

Look at the reward.

Jesus does not simply promise them a place.

He promises them A PERSON!

“THEY SHALL WALK WITH ME.”

That is the heart of this message:

WAKE UP AND WALK WITH CHRIST!

Adam walked with God.

Enoch walked with God.

And one day the redeemed will walk with Jesus forever!

Walking With Christ Means:

- Daily fellowship.
- Staying close.
- Keeping in step with Jesus.
- Following His direction.
- Going where He leads.

THE GREATEST REWARD OF HEAVEN IS NOT GOLD!

It is not the gates of pearl.

It is not the mansion.

It is not the streets of gold.

THE GREATEST REWARD IS JESUS!

“They shall walk with ME!”

“For They Are Worthy”

Our worthiness does not come from human perfection.

None of us can earn heaven.

Isaiah says our own righteousness is as filthy rags.

But Jesus takes our filthy garments and gives us His righteousness!

We are washed.

We are cleansed.

We are justified.

BY THE BLOOD OF JESUS!

We do not wear white because we have never made mistakes.

We wear white because:

JESUS WASHED US!

IV. THE PROMISE TO THE OVERCOMER

Revelation 3:5

“He that overcometh.”

What is an overcomer?

1 John 5:5

“Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?”

An overcomer is not somebody who never struggles.

An overcomer is somebody who keeps trusting Jesus through the struggle!

You may have battles.

You may face temptation.

You may become discouraged.

You may experience trials.

You may shed tears.

BUT KEEP WALKING!

You don't have to be perfect to overcome.

YOU HAVE TO KEEP YOUR FAITH IN JESUS!

Promise #1 — White Raiment

“The same shall be clothed in white raiment.”

White represents:

- Victory
- Purity
- Righteousness
- Acceptance

The devil will remind you of your past.

But remind the devil:

“THE BLOOD HAS COVERED ME!”

Revelation 1:5 says Jesus:

“Washed us from our sins in his own blood.”

Your past doesn't have the final word.

THE BLOOD HAS THE FINAL WORD!

Promise #2 — The Book of Life

Jesus says:

“I will not blot out his name out of the book of life.”

Notice the assurance:

I WILL NOT!

Our confidence is not ultimately in our own strength.

Our confidence is **IN CHRIST!**

Jesus said in **John 10:28:**

“Neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand.”

THANK GOD, I’M IN HIS HAND!

When I am weak:

I’M IN HIS HAND!

When I am struggling:

I’M IN HIS HAND!

When I am going through:

I’M IN HIS HAND!

AND NO MAN CAN PLUCK ME OUT!

Promise #3 — Jesus Will Confess Our Name

Jesus says:

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

Can you imagine that moment?

Standing before the throne.

Angels gathered around.

The Father upon His throne.

And Jesus calls:

YOUR NAME!

And says:

“THIS ONE BELONGS TO ME!”

“I died for him.”

“I died for her.”

“I washed them in My blood.”

“I know their name.”

WHAT A DAY THAT WILL BE!

People may not recognize your faithfulness down here.

BUT JESUS WILL CONFESS YOUR NAME UP THERE!

V. THE HOLY SPIRIT IS STILL SPEAKING

Revelation 3:6

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

Everybody has ears.

BUT EVERYBODY ISN'T LISTENING!

Many people hear sermons.

But are we hearing **GOD?**

The Holy Spirit is still speaking.

He speaks through His Word.

He convicts us of sin.

He comforts the brokenhearted.

He guides believers.

He warns the careless.

He corrects us when we're wrong.

The question isn't:

“IS GOD SPEAKING?”

The question is:

ARE WE LISTENING?

When you open your Bible—

THE SPIRIT SPEAKS!

When you pray—

THE SPIRIT SPEAKS!

When conviction comes—

THE SPIRIT SPEAKS!

When God tells you to make something right—

LISTEN!

Don't continually resist the voice of the Holy Spirit.

CONCLUSION — WAKE UP AND WALK!

Jesus looked at Sardis and saw a dying church.

BUT HE ALSO SAW THE FAITHFUL FEW!

Maybe you feel like you're one of the few still standing.

DON'T GET DISCOURAGED!

Jesus knows your name.
He sees your faithfulness.
He sees every prayer.
He sees every sacrifice.
He sees every act of obedience.
He sees every tear.

KEEP WALKING WITH CHRIST!

When others compromise—

KEEP WALKING!

When others turn back—

KEEP WALKING!

When you get tired—

KEEP WALKING!

When nobody understands—

KEEP WALKING!

When the enemy attacks—

KEEP WALKING!

Because Jesus promised:

“They shall walk with me in white.”

INVITATION

Maybe you’ve become spiritually sleepy.

WAKE UP!

Maybe compromise has stained your walk.

COME TO JESUS — HIS BLOOD STILL CLEANSSES!

Maybe you’ve grown weary in well-doing.

DON’T QUIT!

Jesus knows your name.

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Determine today:

I WILL BE ONE OF THE FAITHFUL FEW!
I WILL WALK IN HOLINESS!
I WILL KEEP THE FAITH!
I WILL LISTEN TO THE SPIRIT!
I WILL KEEP MY EYES ON JESUS!

And one day, after we've finished this journey, we'll exchange this earthly walk for an eternal walk with Jesus.

FINAL CLOSE

WAKE UP, CHURCH!

Wake up and pray!
Wake up and live holy!
Wake up and hear the Spirit!
Wake up and stand for truth!
Wake up and keep the faith!

WAKE UP — AND WALK WITH CHRIST!

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

AMEN!