

HE THAT OVERCOMES

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The chapter in verse precedes it as a tool to assist you while studying this article.*

Revelation Chapter Three

Verse:

- 1. And unto the angel of the church in Sardis write; These things says he that hath the seven Spirits of God, and the seven stars; I know your works, that you have a name that you live, and art dead,*
- 2. Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die; for I have not found your works perfect before God.*
- 3. Remember therefore how you have received and heard, and hold fast, and repent. If therefore you shall not watch, I will come on you as a thief, and you shall not know what hour I will come upon you.*
- 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. He that overcomes, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, 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 says unto the churches.*
- 7. And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write; These things says he that is holy, he that is true, he that has the key of David, he that opens, and no man shuts; and shuts, and no man opens;*
- 8. I know your works; behold, I have set before you an open door, and no man can shut it: for you have a little strength, and have kept my word, and has not denied my name.*
- 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 you feet, and to know that I have loved you.*
- 10. Because you have kept the word of my patience, I also will keep you from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world to try them that dwell upon the earth.*
- 11. Behold, I come quickly: hold that fast which you have, that no man take your crown.*
- 12. Him that overcomes will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out: 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 comes down out of heaven from my God: and I will write upon him my new name.*
- 13. He that has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says unto the churches.*
- 14. And unto the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write; these things says the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God.*

15. *I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot; I would you were cold or hot.*
16. *So then because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spew you out of my mouth.*
17. *Because you say, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that you are wretched and miserable, and poor, and blind and naked.*
18. *I counsel you to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that you may be rich; and white raiment, that you may be clothed, and then the same of you nakedness do not appear; and anoint your eyes with eyesalve, that you may 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.*
21. *To him that overcomes 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 has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says unto the churches.*

I can't go back and reiterate the teachings from chapter one and two, but if you have not read those teachings, I encourage you to read those as they lay a foundation for the remainder of this book. In this first verse we come to a church called Sardis. Each one of these seven churches has a piece of the description of the Christ in the first chapter. So it is saying no church has it all. We all don't have it all. None of us have it all. We have part of the understanding. Even though the church of Philadelphia did not have all these problems, and He didn't say He had a problem with the church of Philadelphia did He? Philadelphia means "brotherly love" and the book says, "you'll know the brethren by their love for one another". So love covers a multitude of sin or mistakes, or missing the mark. So it is not important about all these other things but the main thing is what? LOVE. So if we get there we are in pretty good shape, but we still don't know it all do we? We'll get there.

Vs 1 *"To the angel of the church of Sardis write these things says He that has the seven Spirits of God, and the seven stars;"* Sardis means "red". What biblical thing would you think of when you think of red? ADAM. The word "Adam" means to show red in the face. This is a church that has a humanistic view. It is the Adamic way of looking at things, and there is a church out there that is very humanistic isn't there? A lot of churches have this humanistic view. It's the natural person, that is all this is speaking about. They are missing all the Spiritual things that God is trying to teach us. So this **red** tells me that we are speaking about a church that has this Adamic humanistic thinking. If there is no more Adam what are we doing thinking like him? Why do we think about someone that no longer exists? Jesus was the last Adam. That last Adam died on the cross two thousand years ago. Why are we blowing smoke into Adam and trying to make him some big thing?

Why are we talking about this guy that is already gone? We should we? You see if we keep our eyes upon the Christ, where we are supposed to, we won't even think about that Adam guy any longer. He was part of the past. As my wife tells people, "don't let the past steal today from you" and that's what it does. If we keep looking at Adam we are going to look back to the past to things that we don't even need to look at. Today is when you live. Live for today.

He says, "*These things says he that has the seven Spirits of God and the seven stars.*" That is the description out of the first chapter. It says, "He is the one that has the seven stars and the seven Spirits." It's part of the Christ. Now if He has them where are they? In the description in the first chapter it says, "*he is holding those seven stars in His hand*" That shows that His right hand is His power and His authority. So the ministry that He has, they are speaking with the power and the authority of Christ, under the direction of the Spirit of God. They are not preaching humanistic views. They are only preaching what God wants spoken. They are not worried about what people say about them, they are preaching what God says. Now what are these seven stars that He has in His hand? Messengers. What is the messengers? If you look it up in the language it is "aggelos". It means messenger or pastor. So I wonder who that would be? Messenger, Pastor or Shepherd. So who is He speaking of in the church setting? He is speaking about the ministers that He is ministering through. Today because of so much legalism in the church we've gone in the other direction, and because there is so much legalism in church everyone has gone this way and says, "There are no restrictions". There are people that preach against church setting as we have today. If that is true then why did Paul write in Ephesians that he gave us five things. Apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers for the perfecting of the saints. Well how in God's name could I perfect anyone or bring them to maturity if we never get together. Do you see something wrong in the teaching about not having any structure? You see there must be a structure. You can't have just whatever you think you want whenever you think you want it. Whose time is this all about? If it's God's timing it is not ours is it? It is not our choice about any of this. It is about Him.

Back to the verse: He says, "*I know your works and that you have (or you possess) a name (or nature, character or authority) but that you live (or you are alive) but you are dead*" literally it says, "you are alive, but you are dead". What is He saying? Spiritually you're dead, physically you are alive. What is death? Rom. 8:6,7,8 "*to be spiritually minded is life and peace. To be carnally minded is death*" So He is saying to this adamic church, that is preaching humanistic views, all you are preaching is death. You are not preaching life to anyone and your

people will sit there and be dead the rest of their days upon the earth spiritually until you go to the throne room and get it from the Master. Remember Jacob's ladder, how did the angels go? They ascended and then they descended. They went to the throne and got a message to come back and give to humanity. If you never ascend to the throne you have nothing to give but death (carnality) to someone. It makes no sense for me to preach carnality if that's all it is it then what good is it. It's just a show. I might as well kick the walls out and build a big place and tell them anything they want so I can make some money. If that's all it's about, and that's what most people think it is. "How many people can we jam into a room?" I told a man this one time, and he almost went ballistic on me, I think he would have slapped me if he could have got by with it. But he said, "You mean to tell me you'd rather have a church with ten people than ten thousand!" I said, "absolutely, absolutely. I'd rather have ten people that was committed to God than ten thousand that was piling money up over my head every day." That money will do nothing but corrupt you. That much money would get to people. I don't want it around me. All I want is the opportunity to help people. I'd rather have a few people that know the truth, want the truth and have a heart for God than all those things that others want. The world will never say good things about you when you are serving God. They won't. The church world especially will not. They will have all kinds of negative things to say about you. The last part of the verse says, "*I know that you are alive, but you are dead*".

Vs 2 "*Be watchful, and strengthen (or confirm) the things which remain, that are ready to die because I have not found your works perfect (literally complete) before God (or in the eyes of God).* Even though they have some things here, He says, "Your works are not complete". We are just not complete. Humanistic views will never complete you in God. Do you know that? If they did then why did they nail Him to the tree? You see that would have been a waste of time if we could do it in our own mind. I have expressed this for years, to people, and I get lambasted every time I do it. They come up with these ideas that humanity has the answer. They have the answer that can fix every thing. The thought process, and I come back to this one statement every time, if you (humanity) have the answer, then why did they nail Him to the tree? If you have the answer in you, in your humanistic mind, then why in the world would God be stupid enough to kill Jesus if you have the answer within yourself in humanity. It doesn't make sense. Do you know what? It always breaks up the conversation because they have no answer to it. Jesus was the answer for all things and they go to Him as the last alternative. He should be our first choice.

Vs 3 *“Remember therefore (not “how” but how much) you have received and heard, and hold fast, (or guard it, and do what?) **REPENT** (change your mind).”* Now He said, *“Remember what you have received”*. What have you received? You have received the engrafted word the thing that is able to save your soul. So you see we hear the word in our hearts and we have to remember how much we have received. Do you know how many people attend church and that evening you could ask them, “what was the sermon on this morning?” They would probably say, “ I don’t know. It must have been spiritual, cause it went over my head”. I’ve heard people say that. They also say, “ it was good, it was good”, and I say, “Well what was it about?” They respond, “it was spiritual and it went over my head” Well then what good did that do you? If you didn’t get anything out of it what good did it do? You might as well go to a local tavern; at least there you might forget pain for a few seconds anyway. We’ve got to know what is going on in our life. We can’t walk around totally ignorant of what is going on. You see when people say things like that it just shows you the ignorance in their life. To me when people say things like that it reveals to me that they are someone that doesn’t care whether they learn or not. But He says, “remember what you have heard, guard it and repent” (change the way you think). So what He is telling you is that what you have received has the ability to do something for you. What is it? CHANGE THE WAY YOU THINK. If you listen to what you have received it can change the way you think. That’s your repentance (metanoia). Changing the way you think, changing your knowledge, and that will change your whole life. *“If therefore you shall not watch (now here it is coming back at you) I will come to you as a thief, and you shall not know what hour I will come upon you.”* When it comes you have no idea do you? If you are watching, guess what? That isn’t God coming on you. I tell people that if you are doing the things God wants you to do in your life, and something bad happens, there are a few questions that I could ask you to line things out and I can tell you automatically that it is a test or you are reaping something that you sowed.

Vs 4 *“You have a few names even in Sardis (the adamic or humanistic church) who have not defiled (or soiled) their garments (or their covering); and they shall walk with me (literally they shall walk in the midst of me) in white (righteousness);* So even the ones in these humanistic teaching churches, there are some people in there that have the heart and love God. You see that is the birthing chamber, delivery rooms, that bring forth. Every one of us has come out of a delivery room, in the natural and in the spiritual. We are delivered. We start. In the church realms we come out in the first realm, then the second realm, and we go to the third realm to Mt Zion. It is a progression. So even in this lower realm, even in the humanistic churches, there are people in there that are good (and sincere) people.

They have a heart toward God and He will get them in His time. So He has a message to the people in this church. There are a few of you that have not soiled their garments and they shall walk in the midst of Him in righteousness, or they will walk with Him in the Spirit. The verse says, "*they are worthy*" (or literally deserving). You see it is because their heart is right.

Vs 5 "*He that overcometh* (or literally the "one that overcomes") *the same* (literally, in this way) *shall he be clothed in white raiment*" So He says, the ones that overcome in this way shall be clothed, HOW? You have to go back to verse four. "There are a few names that have not defiled their garments, and they shall walk with me in the spirit, but they will be clothed by not defiling their garments or their covering, their righteousness". Do you know how many people defile Christ in their life everyday that goes to church and say they are Christians? How many people defile themselves every day of their life and say they are Christians? They do things that are not Christ like. So they are defiling their garments. He is our covering and our righteousness. If I defile that, it would be no different then driving the nails into Him in the first century. If we would just look at what it really means to defile our garments. We are defiling the Christ. Do you realize how serious that is? I am speaking about living a righteous life according to what God commands, not what man has set up as rules and regulations. If we live according to that then we are not defiling our garments, but there are a lot of things that can defile our garments even though they are not written in the book. God does not condemn you. The church condemns you. I must refer to the scripture that Paul wrote "*even though all things are lawful for me, not all things are expedient* (or profitable) *to me*". So there are things I can't do, because if I cause someone else to stumble, then that is upon me. If I intentionally do something, and it causes someone to stumble, because I know I have a right and I can do it and it causes someone else to fall, then I am accountable for that person. You see I caused them to fall and I knew it. Now I'm not speaking of preaching the gospel. If you preach the gospel you are going to cause people to stumble and fall. That is different. But when I take my liberty *in my flesh* to do things that God gave me liberty to do and it's just because I know I can do them, then that is on my head and I am accountable for that. As far as my speaking the gospel, I can't apologize for anything I say in the gospel, as long as it lines up with the scripture. The word of God is meant to separate and divide so I have to leave it there.

"*And I will not blot out his name from out of the book of life, but I will confess* (or acknowledge) *his nature before my Father and before his angels* (or his messengers). So He says "I'm going to blot you out if you don't, but if you do I'm going to confess your nature to my Father. What nature do you think He is going to acknowledge? It is His nature, which is the nature of the Father, as if the Father

couldn't look and see what is going on, come on. He knows His sons doesn't he? He knows who they are.

Vs 6 *"He that hath an ear let him hear what the Spirit says unto the churches"*.

Notice He is not talking to who? Who is He not talking to? Anyone outside of the church. The church is not the organization. It's not the building. It is the people that He has called. He's only talking to a people that He's called. The church is the ecclesia "the called out". We can wrap it into a building with a group of people and we call it a church today. That's okay, but literally the language says "the ones that's called". The people that have a call in their life. God will get to the rest of the them in His time.

Vs 7 *"And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write"* (Philadelphia means brotherly love), notice He found no fault because that love covers a multitude of sin)"*These things says he that is holy, he that is true, he that has the key of David, He that opens, and no man shuts; and shuts, and no man opens;"* I have several scriptures in reference to this. I would like to review a few of these. John 13: 34,35 Jesus makes this statement: *"A new commandment I give unto you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this shall all men (the word men has been added here) know that you are my disciples, if you have love one to another."* How do I know that you are a disciplined one in Christ? By the love for one another. It has to be love. Disciples means "disciplined ones". *"If you continue in my word you'll be my disciples (or disciplined ones) in deed"*

So it's about being disciplined in the word of God. If I discipline myself in the word of God, I will be a disciple of God. I will discipline myself in this word. There are too many opinions floating around today about the scriptures and that is not what we need. We need to know the truth of God. Let's look at Romans 13:10. Now I am speaking about this church of love. In this verse it says, *"Love works no ill to his neighbor: therefore love is the fulfilling of the law."* If I love my neighbor, what have I done? I have fulfilled the law. It is all about love. Do you know who wrote the most about love? John. He speaks about it quite frequently.

There was a story I read in a very old book that was printed back in the early 1800's in the United States and it was a book about the bible. There was a story in it about the twelve apostles and it spoke of how they died and about their lives. When it came to the apostle John it said that he got so old that he couldn't walk. The people picked him up and would carry him to where they were having meetings in the homes. They would carry him in and set him in front of the people and he would say, "God is love" and he would just look at them. Someone would address him and he would say, "God is love". It wasn't too long that someone

said, “why don’t you get the old man out of the way, we want to hear the word. Tell us some new truth.” Well if they would have had the understanding that John had of love, then they would have had the truth. Sometimes we get in such a hurry to find out what we can find out about the scriptures that we miss the whole point of the scriptures. Which is “love”. John never missed that point. Let’s look at I John 3:10, 11 *“In this the children of God are manifest (or made apparent), and the children of the devil: whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God, neither he that loves not his brother. For this is the message that you heard from the beginning, that we should love one another.”* I John 4:20, 21 *“If a man says, I love God, and hates his brother, he is a liar: for he that loves not his brother whom he has seen, how can he love God whom he has not seen? And this commandment have we from him, that he who loves God love his brother also.”* Is there an option in this? That’s Gods commandments.

Let’s go back to Revelation 3 and in the seventh verse. He said He has the key of David and He opens and no man shuts, and he shuts and no man opens. Now we can say all the positive we want to but there is some negative going on here. He closes some things up. It tells me that He has all the power and all the authority the same as it says in Matt. 28:18 He says, *“all power and all authority is given unto Me in heaven and in earth.”* We are speaking about Jesus here the one who opens and closes, no one else, it’s the Christ and you are part of that.

Vs 8 *“I know your works: behold I have set before you an open door, and no man can shut it:”* That ought to make you shout and take a lap. Do you hear what He is saying? He said, “I set before you an open door and no man can shut it”. That means you cannot fail. Do you realize that? **YOU CANNOT FAIL!!** He said, “I set an open door before you”. He is the door. You can walk through, into Him. You can’t fail. I get excited every time I read this passage. The door is open and I can’t fail. Do you know why? Because He has already taken care of it. It is finished, it is done. I can’t miss it. I don’t have to worry about my security tomorrow or the next day or what is going to happen when I die in this flesh. It doesn’t make any difference. He set the door before me and it’s open. That means I have a right to enter in. Hebrews says, *“now we can boldly enter in into the throne room through His blood.”* It is not a physical thing any longer, but I can boldly enter into the throne room. It is in the Spirit. I can walk in there and I don’t have to be afraid that I’m going to be struck down because I walked into the Holy of Holies. “Well maybe I’m not righteous.” **HOGWASH!! I AM RIGHTEOUS BECAUSE HE IS RIGHTEOUS.** He has given me that righteousness and you have got to have the same confidence that you can walk boldly into that throne room and talk to Him any time you want to. You see it is right between your ears.

You can walk right on in there. No body can stop you. The only one that can stop you is yourself. You let that Adam guy that is already crucified and buried rise up and keep you from entering the throne room. That is the only one that can. Don't blame any external force for anything in your life because it is yourself. Your **SELF** is the only thing that can stop you from entering that throne room.

Back to the verse: "*for (because) you have a little strength, and have kept my word, (boy it is about the word, isn't it?) and have not denied my name (nature, character).*" Do you know how many people say, "I'm a Christian" and deny His nature? Because their nature doesn't line up with His nature. A normal hand has four fingers and a thumb on it, and if you take some of the hand prints of those who say they are, quote Christian, they'd have stubs or possibly fifth teen fingers on it. You see they are not natural. They do not fit the pattern of the Christ do they? Just words doesn't make you a Christian. In Isaiah four it says, "*in that day seven women will take hold of one man saying, let us be called by your name, but we are going to eat our own bread and wear our own apparel*" But just let us be called by your name or your nature or character so we can be "good guys" so our shame won't come to us. If you are getting it just to get your shame moved away and not for one specific reason called "love" that is the only reason to come to God. There is no other reason. This fear and intimidation that humanity has placed upon us, it is not of God. It is not of God.

Vs 9 He says, "*behold I will make them (or the ones) of the synagogue of Satan*" What are we called? Hello, tabernacle of God. The dwelling place of God. Well He says here that there are some that are of the synagogue, or tabernacle, or dwelling place of Satan. I WONDER WHAT THAT MIGHT BE? It's the flesh, the carnal mind. In their minds they are still living under the law. "*Which say they are Jews*". There are many people who say "I am a Christian", but their lifestyle just does not bear it out. So He says this, "*they say they are Jews, and are not, but do lie;*" You know something about God, He is just straight up. I love that. He didn't say, "well now you didn't tell it exactly like it should have been", he said, "You lied". Is there anything wrong with telling the truth? I was trained at a time that you never spoke anything that was negative, because that would be slander. Well all you've got to do is look in the dictionary to find out what that is. I let it go for a long time because I was being trained you see by a "quote" -Godly man and I did say quote. In that process I was told you never say anything negative about your pastor. (I wonder where that came from?) The pastor said that not the bible. But he said "you never say anything about leadership of the church because that is slander." Well now wait a minute. When I look in the dictionary and see what our language says: slander, is a malicious lie, with the intent of hurting someone. Now if I am a rapist, a pedophile, a thief, a liar, a murderer, or a cheat

and you say those things about me is that a lie? Is that a malicious lie with the intent to hurt me? What is it? It is a revealing of the truth. Is there anything wrong with that? No. If I do those things God says, *“everything that is done in the darkness will be revealed into the light”*. You see humanistic views always try to cover their own tracks. We have to be totally vulnerable. Take a look. Do you see anything you don’t like? You can’t change it, only God can, but you still can’t hide it can you? I can’t change you and you can’t change me. Only God has that ability. Why should you look at me and find fault? All you have to do is look in the mirror. If you look at me and see a fault it is probably due to a reflection. You see I’m not looking at your faults. I don’t care about your faults. All I am concerned about is your Spirit desiring to be more like God. You see it is not about what you are doing in the flesh. I’m not worried about that. God will take care of that. It is just not important. Back to the verse: *“behold I will make them come and worship before your feet,”* Whose feet? YOUR FEET. He said, “I will make them come and worship”. This word worship is like a dog licking his master’s hand. Those of you who have a dog, when you go home at night do you have to beat him and tell him to lick your hand. Most dogs you might have to beat them to get them to stop licking your hand. Because they are just so happy to see you. You see if Christians would live that life, that they were so happy to see the Christ, just so happy cause GOD YA JUST EXCITE ME. I JUST WANNA SEE YA!!!!!!

If we acted like that for one-day do you know what it would do to the world? ONE DAY. It should be inherent in our nature every day of our life. Just be happy to see each other on the street somewhere and we get excited and yell, “HEY, I SEE THE CHRIST IN YOU!!!!” Why can’t we do that? You know most people would probably think you’re a little crazy. That’s okay because I don’t care what the world thinks about me. You see I am crazy, crazy in love with humanity that God has created. I am in love with His humanity as He is in love with His humanity. If we are not there, we are missing what it is all about. We are to be like Him. This book is nothing about monsters and ten headed demons and all that crazy stuff. It’s about the Christ in you, and you being like that Christ. That is what it is about. People will tell you that you are crazy, but they don’t understand you. They didn’t understand Him (Christ) did they? Well come on what are we worried about then? He’ll be here don’t worry about it. He’ll take care of all of it. He says, *“but I’m going to make them worship before your feet”*. What does that mean? It means there will be those who come in humility. When you bow at someone’s feet what are you doing? You humble yourself. So they’re going to come humbly and recognize and give honor to you for a reason. Not so you can say, “I told you I was right!” They’re going to do this for a reason. Let’s look what He says, *“to know (literally even to know) that I have loved you”*. Not loved

past tense, but “I literally love you right now. I have always loved you.” The reason they are going to come, let me tell you something, what purpose after all this is over with and we are all over in the next realm in the Spirit would it be for someone to have this going on? It is going to happen now, in this lifetime. They are going to know that *I love you because you kept the word of my patience*. They are going to come to you, and do you know what? You are not going to beat them up. You are going to love them.

Vs 10 “*Because you have kept (or guarded) the word of my patience (or literally my patient enduring or perseverance) and I also will keep (or literally guard) you from the hour of temptation (or afflictions sent by God to test one’s character)*. He says, “I’m going to guard you”. There’s going to be things come, He said, “*I’ll put nothing on you that you can’t bear*”. He says, “I’m going to guard you and make sure that you don’t get a test that is too hard for you.” You see the test that I can handle right now; if it were on a small child they wouldn’t be able to handle it without God’s grace and mercy. Each one of us has to have a specific test. Just like our curtains are custom made for our windows. Guess what? The tests are custom made for you, and God in His infinite wisdom has chosen the one that you need to bring you to maturity in your life. The test I have is not the same one you have. He’s got one for you. It is to fix you. If I’m fixing a Ford, I don’t need to find some Chevrolet tools to work on a Ford do I? There are different tools for different things. God knows which one each of us needs, and He’ll fix us in that manner. Back into the verse: “*which shall come upon all the world*”. The word world here represents the entire globe and all it’s inhabitants. So who doesn’t get a test? Everybody gets a test. You may say, “Well they didn’t go through the test I had to go through”. You may be harder headed than them. Right? Isn’t that a possibility? I mean someone that is not real hard headed doesn’t have to have a real hard test to get them to turn does it? So it’s *for the whole world (for what purpose?) to test or discipline them that dwell (to dwell permanently) upon the earth*. Doesn’t the book of Revelation say two times at least three? “*Woe unto the inhabitants of the earth*”. Now if you are going to dwell on the earth you’ve got some things coming. But if we realize that we ascend to the heavenlies and we are seated in heavenly places in Christ, then you can’t touch us can you?

Covenants, dust and sand, where are they located? On the earth. Where is the star covenant? In the heavenlies, the Spirit realm. If we would ascend unto the heavenlies what in the world can bother us. NOTHING, NOTHING. My body will not ascend into the sky somewhere in the clouds. I’m speaking about my Spirit ascending into the Spirit realm. My body is still right here on earth, and what goes on in this flesh will not affect me in how I live my life. Did it say I wouldn’t feel

any pain? That I would not feel any rejections, hurts or sufferings. NO. *“The rain falls on the good and the evil and the sun shines on the just and the unjust.”* I’m going to feel the same things that anyone else in the world out there feels. You cut me I’ll bleed. You break my bones I feel pain. I’m no different then anyone else, but these things are not going to take me off of my course that God has set for me. You see because my mind is in the heavenlies. I am in the star realm. I’m not sitting in the dust any longer. I’ve suffered enough woe (pain, grief, and suffering) in those first two realms. If you say you have had enough of these same things it is time to put your eyes into the heavenlies from whence your salvation, or deliverance comes. It comes from the heavenlies and we have to be seated there. God is trying to tell us this. He’s always trying to get us to come on up. The Spirit is always saying, “come on up, come on up”.

Vs 11 *“Behold, I come quickly: hold that fast which you have; that no man take your crown”*. Now He’s not talking about a literal crown hanging on your head that someone can run up and snatch off of it. I am speaking about the mind of Christ. That is the crown of life. It’s the mind of Christ, and the only man that can take it away from you is yourself. You can dethrone yourself through your humanistic views. So when you realize that the only thing that I’ve got to worry about is not pointing fingers, but looking in the mirror. Looking into myself and seeing what I do that brings this upon myself. I don’t have to blame any one else I look at myself. Then I find out where my problem is. People can’t do anything to me they can only affect my flesh which is only temporal. The only thing that is eternal is my Spirit. You can’t do anything to me. It is what I do to myself that matters. Anything external should not affect us it should only be internal that affects us.

Vs 12 *“Him that overcomes will I make a pillar”*. What is a pillar? It’s a load bearing support. Actually in the temples it was a stone in the temple that was polished smooth. When that pillar was set in there it was strong. It had been tested. They knew it could handle the load. It is no different then when they build a building today and put these big steel girders in, or build bridges, they have been load tested. That is what He is speaking of, these tests and trials that come to try your character. God has sent them to test and try you and when you overcome that means you’ve subdued all those obstacles that He’s been putting in your place, guess what? Now He has set you as a pillar. Do you know what pillars do? They bear burdens. We don’t get all pretty and slicked and shined up just so we can say, “hey look how pretty and slicked up and shiny I am.” We get there so we can bear the burdens of someone else. Jesus never came to see how flashy and pretty He was. He came to bear the burdens of the rest of humanity. If we don’t have that same mindset we are not going to be a pillar in the house of our God. In this verse

He says, *“Him that overcomes will I make a pillar in the temple of my God”*. Let me show you something. You tell me that language doesn’t tell you something. Here the language says, *“He will make you a pillar in the temple of my God”*. The word temple says this if you look at it in the language. The Old Testament view of the temple was, outer court, holy place and holy of holies. There is a New Testament pattern for the tabernacle in Hebrews chapter nine. There is no more outer court. Read the book of Revelation. He says, *“don’t measure the outer court”* it’s turned over to the Gentiles. There is no difference between outer court and Gentiles, it is all the same, but there is only the Holy place and Holy of Holies. Read chapter nine and you will find that out. If you have a problem with this please let me know and I will be glad to show it to you. The word temple in this verse says: consisting of Holy Place and Holy of Holies. It is not speaking of the outer court any longer. God said this He never said he wanted to save your body He said I want to save your soul. Well guess what? Spirit and Soul. Holy of Holies – Spirit, Holy Place – Soul. So the language will tell you those things. You can’t find those things reading the English language. That is just a witness or understanding that there is a New Testament tabernacle. Very few people know that, but if you look at it, it’s there. Back to the verse: *“and he shall go no more out:”* literally it says, *“we live in Him continually”*. Once I come to this *“In Him”* do you really think you would ever go back out? Who in the world, once they walked into the presence of God in the Holy of Holies, would ever want to go back out and live in the midst of the sand and the dust? Now I’m telling you that you are going to go back out, but it is only to minister. It doesn’t mean that I’m going out there to stay. I have to go back out there because that is where humanity is.

Jesus was with God in Spirit, but He had to come to the earth, to the lowest realm, to minister to us. It is no different with His sons and daughters as He lifts them up. When He takes them into the fullness of the tabernacle, into the Holy of Holies, they have got to go back and do what He didn’t finish. He says He has done everything that He is going to do, but He says you are going to do greater works than these. You are going to go back and get the rest of humanity. So you’ve got to do the same thing. You can’t stay there forever. You can stay here in your mind, but you still have to go back to the other realms to pick them up. When I say that I live in Him continually it means that He is my life. Do you understand that He is your life? I can’t live except in Him. Once you come into the understanding that He is your life, you will live in Him continually. *“And I will write upon him”* speaking of the one that overcomes. Is that everyone in the whole world? I’m speaking of the ones that God has chosen. You see He already knows who they are, we don’t know. He is doing this to prove to you who you really are. That is what this test is about. He says, *“I’m going to write upon him the name (or nature)*

of my God “. This is the new covenant. He says, “I’m going to write it in your heart and I’m going to place it within you.” So if He put His nature in me, where did He put it? Within me, in my heart. It’s nothing that I did, He did it. “ *I will write upon him the name of my God and the name of the city of my God (that’s the nature of the city and the nature of the city is God) which is the new Jerusalem, which comes down out of heaven (or the Spirit realm) from my God: and I will write upon him my new name (or nature).*” What do you think this New Jerusalem is? It’s the bride of Christ. Rev. 21:2 “*And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, (he tells you what the holy city is here) coming down from God out of heaven (out of the Spirit realm) prepared as a bride.*” Hello! That’s you. Where did you come from? GOD. Where does God dwell? SPIRIT REALM, HEAVENLIES. I came from God. I never came from Adam. I was before Adam and you were too, you just don’t believe it yet. You were before Adam. God created us in Spirit in Genesis 1:1, 2, and 3. So we were with Him in the Spirit before. So we came from the Spirit as a “bride prepared for her husband”. We are a bride prepared for our husband who? Christ. Isn’t He the husband of the bride? Are we not called the bride of Christ?

Vs 13 “ *He that has an ear let him hear what the Spirit says unto the churches.*” Who is He speaking to? Churches. That is us, the bride.

Vs 14 “*And unto the angel (or messenger) of the church of the Laodiceans write:*” The Laodicean church is a democratic church. They vote on things. The majority rules. God’s church is theocratic. **It goes the way He wants it.** “*These things says the amen, the faithful and true witness; the beginning of the creation of God:*” What is the beginning of the creation of God? If you go to Genesis chapter one verses one through three, you’ll find out that in the beginning God did what? It says, “ in the beginning, and beginning is not the correct word, the word is “re’shiyth (ray-sheeth)” or in the first fruit, God created the perfect God man. Here is the beginning of creation. He created the first God man and He said the earth was formless and void and it literally was becoming waste and desolate. Then what happened? Darkness was upon the face of the deep. Darkness represents “ignorance”. Ignorance was upon the face (or mind) of the deep (the many waters or humanity). So darkness was on the face or mind of humanity and the Spirit “moved” (no the word is brooded) upon the waters. Look in the Hebrew language it says brooded not moved. When a momma hen broods over her chicks what is she doing to them? PROTECTING THEM!! So God’s Spirit protects the mind of humanity while they are in ignorance. Whew! Thank God or none of us would make it. He protects us. In that third verse He says, “*and God said let there be light*”. That’s the Christ. Because there were no sun, moon or stars yet created.

Read your book. They come later. That was the Christ. So that is the beginning of creation of God. It is the Christ. It is not a single person; it is a many membered body, the corporate Christ that He created. This was before He ever put the rest of creation together and He put them together in chapter two of Genesis verse seven. In chapter one and twenty-six He was speaking to the ones He created in the first three verses. He said, "Let Us make man in our image". That is the ones He was speaking to. God was not speaking to Himself. That is what the Spirit says.

Vs 15 "*I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou were cold or hot*". He is saying, "I wish you were one or the other." Today no one wants to make a stand for anything, and if you can't stand for something, you'll fall for anything. That is an absolute fact. You will bite at everything that comes down the road. New age, this, that, anything that comes down the road you will take a bite of it. Next thing you know you'll be sick.

Vs 16 "*So then because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue (or vomit) you out of My mouth.*" I want to tell you something. God needs mouthpieces in the earth today. He needs voices in the earth today. Not people that are parrots saying what someone else told them, but those saying what God is speaking within their hearts. In this verse it says, "I'll vomit you out of my mouth", what He is saying here is "you are unusable". "You are not usable to speak the word of God because of all the bad things you have in your thought process." If my thinking process is not purified, I can't preach the word of God. I am unstable as water. That's just what the Spirit says.

Vs 17 "*Because you say, "I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing;" and know not that you are wretched, and miserable, (the word miserable is "to be pitied") and poor, and blind, and naked:"* Most of the church world is poor, naked, and blind, and I am not speaking about the natural, because they've **GOT ALL THE STUFF**. I'm not interested in STUFF. They are poor because they don't have the riches of God in their life. It is not speaking about STUFF; I am speaking about the Kingdom of God in their life. They are blind, which indicates that they have no vision. They don't have a clue what God is doing. They've just got a social club going. That is all it is just a social club. It says they are naked. You see they do not have the covering, His garment, the righteousness. They don't have it, because they are not interested in it. Do you know what? If you are blind, it really wouldn't make a hill of beans whether you are naked or not. What difference does it make? In the natural, if someone is blind, they can't tell if you have clothes on or not, because if we are all sitting around blind it really doesn't matter because we can't see anything anyway. It doesn't make any difference. That is where the church world is. They are all naked. They have no

covering, but they haven't got a clue that they have no covering. They are just sitting around in their nakedness, and they think that the people that have a vision of God can't see that.

In the natural the greatest thing you could do if you were in a war, and God kind of calls this a war in this life doesn't He? The worst thing you could do is under estimate your enemy? True or False. If you under estimate them you are going to get in trouble. Do you know what? Most people under estimate God's people. They think they have no vision because they're blind. They think everyone else is blind also. I've got news for you. God's people have a vision to see things. Do you know what they see? Spiritual things. When they see people sitting around naked, they can see it. I had the opportunity to speak in a church in Florida and the Pastor there says, "Dave I feel you have a word for us". I wasn't really prepared and I'm always "full of it". Everyone has told me all my life that I am full of it. I know there are things in me that I could preach for a long time, but I got up to speak and as I looked around I thought. "Oh my God" everyone in the room, except for three had no faces, and there were probably one hundred or so people there, had faces like those Amish dolls you see with no face, (no identity). It really shocked me that God let me see, that if I spoke what I had, there was only three people that would receive it. One of them was my wife, the Pastor and one other man in the room. They already knew what I was going to speak. Do you know what I did? I said, "Brother I don't want to hurt any one just come and get the microphone" and I went and sat down. What I had to say would have not been received by those people. All it would have done would have brought damage to them. I thank God for His deliverance. There was a time in my life that I would have ranted and raved, spit and slobbered for two hours in front of them just because I had the opportunity and that is not what it is about. God told me that I had nothing to say to them, because they could not hear me so I sat down. There is more to it than just going out and spouting it off. It has to be what He wants us to do.

Vs 18 "*I counsel you (literally I advise you) to buy of me gold tried in the fire,*" Gold speaks of the nature of God. So if I get His nature there is only one way that I am going to get it. It's the gold that's been tried in the fire or literally refined from the fire. The fire is what refined it. "*In order that you may be rich:*" The only way I'm going to get gold is to go through the fire. Okay I go through the fire, get the gold, now what am I? RICH. Not in stuff, but what am I rich in? GOD, I AM RICH IN GOD. That is the thing that will endure through the ages. There is no end to what God is. So if I come to God what have I got to lose? NOTHING. It is more important then everything that the world has to offer. "*In order that you may be rich: and white raiment* (white raiment is His righteousness)

in order that you may be clothed and that the shame of your nakedness do not appear; Why? Because I'm covered by Him. He covers me and I don't have to worry about a thing and you don't either. All you have to do is overcome the obstacles set in your life. Know Him through His word. Know Him by the Spirit and you don't have to worry about a thing. And He says, "and the nakedness does not appear; and anoint your eyes (or literally your vision) with eyesalve, in order that you may see." What do you think these eyes are all about? It is a vision of God. Proverbs 29:18 says, "*My people perish for lack of vision*". That is what it's about. We can't see what God has for us.

Vs 19 "*As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten:*" Here is where one of the greatest errors in the church and in humanity is, right here. He says, "the ones I love I chasten and I rebuke." We don't understand chastening and we don't understand rebuke. IT IS NOT PUNISHMENT. Chastening and rebuke is correction. It is correction. Hebrews 12:6 says, "He chastens those He loves." It is the same thing He is saying here. Sometimes those of us that are parents may raise our voice to our children to correct them, and that is because we care for them. We do it because we love them. If we don't love them we would probably never open our mouth. We want to have our children grow up in the right way. God is no different He wants you to grow up in the same way. So He may raise His voice to you once in a while. Maybe we might not be a good example because we may raise our voice too much, but He is going to correct us. Sometimes that raising of the voice is what some of us need. It is not exactly a whisper all the time; sometimes He may speak to us a little harsh. Some of us need a harsher word. Peter needed a harsher word, but John didn't need it. He could hear. He was very sensitive. Back to the verse: "*be zealous therefore, and repent.*" Change the way you think. Change that knowledge. The problem is all in the thinking process.

Vs 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.*" Look at this He says, "*behold I stand at the door and knock*" but He says, "*I am the door*". So here's the picture of the door and the door standing beside the door, knocking on the door. The door is knocking on the door. Think about this, "*and if any man hear my voice and open that door*" you see He's speaking about us receiving Him. He says, "*I will come in to him*" you see He didn't say, "I'll come in and sit down with you", He said, "*I'm going to come into you*" individually, I am going to come into you. "*I will come in to him, and will sup (or dine) with Him (the word "with" is literally "in the midst of you")*". Now where is the Christ going to dwell? In the midst of you? IN YOUR SPIRIT. Is that the center of you? My center is

my Spirit. So in the Spirit of me is where God is going to dwell. Not in my flesh. Not in my soul, but in my SPIRIT. He is going to come in the midst of me. Any man that opens that door when He knocks then He is going to come in (in the midst of you) and You in the midst of Him. So while God comes and dwells in the midst of us, where do we dwell in Him? In the midst of Him in His Spirit. That is why we are untouchable because we are in Him. Just as it states in Job chapter one that Satan could not touch Him without God's permission. Job is a pattern of you.

Vs 21 *"To him that overcomes (subdues) will I grant (give the right) with me (the word with is literally in the midst of, it's the Greek word meta) in my throne (place of rule, mind/spirit) even as I overcame and am set down with (or in the midst) my Father in His throne (throne- spirit- place of rule-mind).* What the Christ is saying here is **oneness – Tabernacles**. As in John 17: 20 through 26 verse twenty *"Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word".* Vs 21 *" That they all may be one in us, that the world may believe that thou has sent me."* Vs 22 *"And the glory which thou gave me I have given them, that they be one, even as we are one."* Vs 23 *"I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that thou has sent me, and has loved them, as thou has loved me."* Vs 24 *"Father, I will that they also, whom thou has given me, be with me where I am, that they may behold my glory, which thou has given me, for thou loved me before the foundation of the world."* Vs 25 *"O righteous Father, the world has not known thee, but I have known thee, and these have known that thou has sent me."* Vs 26 *"And I have declared unto them your name and will declare it, that the love wherewith you have loved me may be in them and I in them."* In this passage He tells you it is more than just for a select few called "the twelve" and that they may all have the same Spirit, mind of Christ, which is the mind of the Father and be united in Spirit, and to let the world know that He has loved us from before the conception of the world in His heart. In Revelation chapter three verse nine at the end of the verse states, *"so they will know that I have loved you"*. All of this is to reveal the Christ in us and show the world that this is no new thing, but what He has planned all along. **The perfection of the uniting of God and man, uniting in oneness, no longer flesh warring against the Spirit, but perfect peace and harmony in our earth. Amen.**

Vs 22 *" He that has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says unto the churches."* Now we know that nearly all people have these protrusions on the side of our head that we call ears, but He said hear the Spirit, not vibrations on the eardrums. When God speaks I don't need to feel vibrations to hear Him because He is inside of me. I hear with my Spiritual ears. In the book of Matthew 13 verses 14 through 17, I

suggest you read this. Jesus quoted Isaiah saying, “*you have ears and can’t understand what you hear, and eyes and do not perceive what you see.*” These words are true today. Just as when He spoke them then. Most of what we call the “church” cannot see or hear what is being done or spoken by the Holy Spirit. So the Spirit is telling us that only those whose ears have been opened by God can hear what He is saying, and those whose blinded eyes have been opened by God can see the on going work of the Spirit of God.

“May you be blessed to hear and see what God is doing in your earth today, and know that the blessing is not a guarantee of safety, prosperity and comfort, but a revelation of who we are.”