



## The Churches and Their Condition (part 2)

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### TODAY'S READING: Revelation 3

Our reading today continues with Jesus giving a synopsis of the seven churches that represent the types of churches throughout the Church Age period. What Jesus has to say about them is relevant to us today. Let us continue with the next three churches.

The Dead Church – Church in Sardis – Revelation 3:1-3, “...These things says He who has the seven Spirits of God and the seven stars: “I know your works, that you have a name that you are alive, but you are dead. Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die, for I have not found your works perfect before God. Remember therefore how you have received and heard; hold fast and repent. Therefore, if you will not watch, I will come upon you as a thief, and you will not know what hour I will come upon you.”

The Faithful Church – Church in Philadelphia – Revelation 3:8-10, “I know your works. See, I have set before you an open door, and no one can shut it; for you have a little strength, have kept My word, and have not denied My name. Indeed, I will make those of the synagogue of Satan, who say they are Jews and are not, but lie— indeed I will make them come and worship before your feet, and to know that I have loved you. Because you have kept My command to persevere, I also will keep you from the hour of trial which shall come upon the whole world, to test those who dwell on the earth.”

The Lukewarm Church – Church in Laodicea – Revelation 3:15-17,19-20, “I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. I could wish you were cold or hot. So then, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will vomit you out of My mouth. Because you say, ‘I am rich, have become wealthy, and have need of nothing’—and do not know that you are wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked. As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten. Therefore, be zealous and repent. Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me.”

Those are all the churches that represent the Church Age. Some fair better than others and some are doomed to fail. But what we need to focus on is our walk in Christ. We, the people of God, make up the Body of Christ, His Church. Therefore, what we have read about these churches are the behaviors and characteristics of the people therein. Let us be the overcomers that are mentioned at the end of each synopsis. Listen to what the Spirit has to say about them.

Those who conquer will eat from the tree of life. The people will not be hurt by the second death. They are given a white stone and will reign with Christ on His throne. They are given the morning star. They will be clothed in bright garments, whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life. We will be made a pillar in God's temple. We will participate in the New Jerusalem

and will have God's name written on us! These are the Conquerors in Christ Jesus! Get Ready!

**PRAYER:** Father God, thank You for helping us understand the condition of your Church today, the Body of Christ. Father, please allow your Holy Spirit to convict us of our dereliction of duty to serve the Body of Christ properly. Help us, Father, to step up and lay aside our own desires and focus on our calling in Christ. We can be the overcomers. Help us, Father, to conquer our sinful tendencies because Jesus is coming. He is coming soon. It is in His name we pray, amen.

**TOMORROW'S READING:** Revelation 4

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