

Overview:

- ☐ Read the Scriptures printed in this study guide.
- ☐ What keywords do you first notice? Highlight or circle them.
- ☐ What phrases catch your attention? Underline them.
- ☐ Jesus takes His Responsibility as the Head of the Church very seriously.

Explore:

- ☐ After reading Revelation 3, what are some of your initial thoughts regarding the passage?
- ☐ What is a “Dead” church? Describe the activities, character, and relationships of a “Dead” Church.
- ☐ How does a Church Die? How does a Life of Faith or Christian Living in general die?
- ☐ Discuss possible meanings of the “Open Door” presented to Philadelphia. Do You have any “Open” doors before you?
- ☐ Discuss Christ’s protection promised in Verse 10. Is there a practical promise that you can take from it?
- ☐ Does the promise of an eternal home and citizenship give you comfort?
- ☐ What are your initial thoughts regarding the church at Laodicea? How do you feel about them?
- ☐ Discuss the image of Jesus knocking on the door of His own Church as though He were locked out.
- ☐ Which of the churches in Revelation most accurately reflects your own spiritual experience or well being?

Revelation 3:1-22 NLT “Write this letter to the angel of the church in Sardis. This is the message from the one who has the sevenfold Spirit of God and the seven stars:

“I know all the things you do, and that you have a reputation for being alive—but you are dead. 2 Wake up! Strengthen what little remains, for even what is left is almost dead. I find that your actions do not meet the requirements of my God. 3 Go back to what you heard and believed at first; hold to it firmly. Repent and turn to me again. If you don’t wake up, I will come to you suddenly, as unexpected as a thief. 4 “Yet there are some in the church in Sardis who have not soiled their clothes with evil. They will walk with me in white, for they are worthy. 5 All who are victorious will be clothed in white. I will never erase their names from the Book of Life, but I will announce before my Father and his angels that they are mine. 6 “Anyone with ears to hear must listen to the Spirit and understand what he is saying to the churches.

7 “Write this letter to the angel of the church in Philadelphia.

This is the message from the one who is holy and true, the one who has the key of David.

What he opens, no one can close;

and what he closes, no one can open:

8 “I know all the things you do, and I have opened a door for you that no one can close. You have little strength, yet you obeyed my word and did not deny me. 9 Look, I will force those who belong to Satan’s synagogue—those liars who say they are Jews but are not—to come and bow down at your feet. They will acknowledge that you are the ones I love. 10 “Because you have obeyed my command to persevere, I will protect you from the great time of testing that will come upon the whole world to test those who belong to this world.

11 I am coming soon. Hold on to what you have, so that no one will take away your crown. 12 All who are victorious will become pillars in the Temple of my God, and they will never have to leave it. And I will write on them the name of my God, and they will be citizens in the city of my God—the new Jerusalem that comes down from heaven from my God. And I will also write on them my new name 13 “Anyone with ears to hear must listen to the Spirit and understand what he is saying to the churches

14 **“Write this letter to the angel of the church in Laodicea.** This is the message from the one who is the Amen—the faithful and true witness, the beginning of God’s new creation:

15 “I know all the things you do, that you are neither hot nor cold. I wish that you were one or the other! 16 But since you are like lukewarm water, neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of my mouth! 17 You say, ‘I am rich. I have everything I want. I don’t need a thing!’ And you don’t realize that you are wretched and miserable and poor and blind and naked. 18 So I advise you to buy gold from me—gold that has been purified by fire. Then you will be rich. Also buy white garments from me so you will not be shamed by your nakedness, and ointment for your eyes so you will be able to see. 19 I correct and discipline everyone I love. So be diligent and turn from your indifference. 20 “Look! I stand at the door and knock. If you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in, and we will share a meal together as friends. 21 Those who are victorious will sit with me on my throne, just as I was victorious and sat with my Father on his throne. 22 “Anyone with ears to hear must listen to the Spirit and understand what he is saying to the churches

Also Ephesians 2:12-14

The END... Church Stuff Part 2

Know Life - Sardis (The Dead Church)

About Sardis

Revelation 3:1-6

You look Fine... What’s Missing?

No Shame

Know Power - Philadelphia (The Weak Church)

About Philadelphia

Revelation 3:7-13

An Open Door

Synagogue of Satan

I Will Protect You

No Stranger

Ephesians 2:12-14

Know Riches - Laodicea (The Worthless Church)

About Laodicea

Revelation 3:14-22

Lukewarm

No Answer

Close to Jesus

How to Kill a Church/Christian

How to Build One