

Revelation 3

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To the Church in Sardis

¹ And unto the angel of the church in Sardis write; These things saith he that hath the seven Spirits of God, and the seven stars; I know thy works, that thou hast a name that thou livest, and art dead.

² Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die: for I have not found thy works perfect before God.

³ Remember therefore how thou hast received and heard, and hold fast, and repent. If therefore thou shalt not watch, I will come on thee as a thief, and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee.

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 overcometh, 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 saith unto the churches.

To the Church in Philadelphia

⁷ And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write; These things saith he that is holy, he that is true, he that hath the key of David, he that openeth, and no man shutteth; and shutteth, and no man openeth;

⁸ I know thy works: behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it: for thou hast a little strength, and hast kept my word, and hast 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 thy feet, and to know that I have loved thee.

10 Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee 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 thou hast, that no man take thy crown.

12 Him that overcometh 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 cometh down out of heaven from my God: and I will write upon him my new name.

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

To the Church in Laodicea

14 And unto the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write; These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God;

15 I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot.

16 So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth.

17 Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked:

18 I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest 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 overcometh 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 hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.

HEBREW & GREEK WORD STUDIES

Angel — ἄγγελος (Angelos)

Angel, messenger

The Greek **angelos** (ἄγγελος) means angel or messenger. Angels announced Christ's birth (Luke 2:9-14), ministered to Him (Matthew 4:11), and will accompany His return (Matthew 25:31).

Faith — πίστις (Pistis)

Faith, belief, trust

The Greek **pistis** (πίστις) denotes faith, belief, or trust—confidence in God's character and promises. It's both intellectual assent and relational trust, central to justification (Romans 5:1).

God — Θεός (Theos)

God

The Greek **Theos** (Θεός) refers to deity, used both for the one true God and false gods. Context determines whether it denotes the Father specifically or the Godhead generally.

Heaven — οὐρανός (Ouranos)

Heaven, sky

The Greek **ouranos** (οὐρανός) denotes heaven—God's throne and the believer's eternal home. Jesus taught His disciples to pray 'Our Father which art in heaven' (Matthew 6:9) and promised to prepare a place there (John 14:2).

Holy — ἅγιος (Hagios)

Holy, sacred, set apart

The Greek **hagios** (ἅγιος) denotes holiness—moral purity and separation unto God. Believers are called 'saints' (hagioi), those set apart for God through Christ's sanctifying work.

Love — ἀγάπη (Agape)

Divine love

The Greek **agape** (ἀγάπη) denotes self-sacrificial, unconditional love—the highest form of love, characterizing God's nature (1 John 4:8) and the love Christians are called to demonstrate.

Repent — μετανοέω (Metanoeo)

To change one's mind, repent

The Greek **metanoeo** (μετανοέω) means to change one's mind or purpose—a complete transformation of thinking. John the Baptist and Jesus both began their ministries with 'Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand' (Matthew 3:2; 4:17).

Spirit — πνεῦμα (Pneuma)

Spirit, wind, breath

The Greek **pneuma** (πνεῦμα) means spirit, wind, or breath—the immaterial aspect of persons. The Holy Spirit (Pneuma Hagion) is the third person of the Trinity, dwelling in believers.

Word — λόγος (Logos)

Word, reason, message

The Greek **Logos** (Λόγος) means word, reason, or message—the rational principle underlying reality. John identifies Christ as the eternal Logos: 'In the beginning was the Word' (John 1:1).

CROSS REFERENCES

Revelation 3:1 **Parallel theme:** Revelation 1:16; 2:19; Luke 15:24; Ephesians 2:1; 2:5; Colossians 2:13; 1 Timothy 5:6; Jude 1:12. **Spirit:** Revelation 1:4; James 2:26

Revelation 3:2

Parallel theme: Revelation 2:4; 16:15; Deuteronomy 3:28; 2 Chronicles 25:2; Isaiah 35:3; Ezekiel 34:16; Matthew 25:13; Acts 18:23; 1 Peter 4:7; 5:8

Revelation 3:3 **Repentance:** Revelation 2:5. **Parallel theme:** Revelation 16:15; Ezekiel 36:31; Matthew 25:13; Mark 13:33; 13:36; 1 Thessalonians 5:2; 1 Timothy 6:20; Hebrews 2:1; 2 Peter 3:10

Revelation 3:4

Parallel theme: Revelation 3:5; 3:18; 4:4; 6:11; 7:9; 19:8; 19:14; Ecclesiastes 9:8; Mark 16:5; Jude 1:23

Revelation 3:5

Parallel theme: Revelation 2:7; 13:8; 17:8; 20:12; 20:15; 21:27; Psalms 69:28; Matthew 10:32; Luke 12:8; Philippians 4:3

Revelation 3:6 **Spirit:** Revelation 2:7

Revelation 3:7

References David: Isaiah 22:22; Luke 1:32. **Parallel theme:** Revelation 1:18; Job 12:14; Matthew 16:19. **Holy:** Revelation 6:10; Isaiah 41:14; Mark 1:24. **Truth:** John 14:6; 1 John 5:20

Revelation 3:8 **Parallel theme:** Revelation 2:13; 3:7; 3:15; Luke 12:9; Acts 14:27; 1 Corinthians 16:9; 2 Corinthians 2:12; Philippians 4:13; Colossians 4:3. **Word:** John 17:6

Revelation 3:9

Parallel theme: Revelation 2:9; Esther 8:17; Isaiah 45:14; 49:23; 60:14. **Love:** Isaiah 43:4

Revelation 3:10 **Parallel theme:** Revelation 2:10; Daniel 12:10; Zechariah 13:9; Matthew 6:13; 1 Corinthians 10:13; 1 Peter 4:12; 2 Peter 2:9. **Word:** Revelation 1:9; 13:10; 14:12

Revelation 3:11

Parallel theme: Revelation 1:3; 2:10; 2:25; 4:10; 22:12; 22:20; 1 Corinthians 9:25; 2 Timothy 2:5; 4:8; James 1:12

Revelation 3:12 **Parallel theme:** Revelation 2:17; 14:1; 22:4; Jeremiah 1:18; Ezekiel 48:35; Galatians 2:9. **References God:** Revelation 21:2; Psalms 48:8; Isaiah 65:15; Hebrews 12:22

Revelation 3:13 **Spirit:** Revelation 2:7

Revelation 3:14

References God: 2 Corinthians 1:20; Colossians 1:15. **Faith:** Revelation 1:5; 19:11; 22:6; Jeremiah 42:5. **Parallel theme:** Revelation 22:13; Proverbs 8:22; Colossians 1:18. **Truth:** Revelation 3:7

Revelation 3:15 **Parallel theme:** Revelation 2:4; 1 Kings 18:21; Proverbs 23:26; Matthew 6:24; 10:37; 24:12; Romans 12:11; Philippians 1:9; James 1:8; 1 Peter 1:22

Revelation 3:16 **Parallel theme:** Revelation 2:5; Jeremiah 14:19

Revelation 3:17 **Parallel theme:** Revelation 2:9; 16:15; Genesis 3:7; Proverbs 13:7; Hosea 12:8; Matthew 9:12; Romans 7:24; 12:3; 2 Peter 1:9. **Good:** Luke 1:53

Revelation 3:18 **Parallel theme:** Revelation 7:13; 16:15; 19:8; Psalms 32:8; Isaiah 55:1; Daniel 12:2; Malachi 3:3; Matthew 13:44; James 2:5; 1 Peter 1:7

Revelation 3:19

Parallel theme: Job 5:17; Psalms 39:11; 69:9; Proverbs 15:32; Isaiah 26:16; Jeremiah 10:24; 31:18; 1 Corinthians 11:32; 2 Corinthians 7:11. **Repentance:** Revelation 2:5

Revelation 3:20 **Parallel theme:** Revelation 19:9; Matthew 24:33; Luke 17:8

Revelation 3:21 **Parallel theme:** Revelation 1:6; 2:7; 7:17; 12:11; 20:4; Matthew 19:28;
28:18; Luke 22:30; John 16:33; 2 Timothy 2:12

Revelation 3:22 **Spirit:** Revelation 2:7; 2:11; 2:17; 3:6; 3:13

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