

### Message 5: Repent

<sup>3,1</sup> “To the angel of the church in Sardis, write:

The one who has the seven spirits of the Creator and the seven stars, says these things (Rev 1:4, 1:20). I know your practices. You have a name of life, but you are dead. <sup>2</sup> Wake up! Strengthen the remaining things that are about to die, for I have not found your practices fulfilling in the Creator’s sight! <sup>3</sup> Therefore, remember what you have received and listened to (Rev 2:4)! Cling to it and repent! If you do not stay awake, then I will arrive as a thief—you will not know at what hour I will arrive upon you. <sup>4</sup> But you have a few names in Sardis who have not defiled their garments (1 Kgs 19:18). They will walk around with me in white, for they are worthy (Isa 52:1; Zech 3:3-5).

<sup>5</sup> Whoever finishes-the-race will be clothed in white garments and I will certainly not remove his name from the Book of Life (Exod 32:33). I will profess allegiance to his name in the sight of my Father and his angels. <sup>6</sup> Whoever has an ear, listen to what the Spirit says to the churches!”

### Message 6: Be Faithful

<sup>7</sup> “To the angel of the church in Philadelphia, write:

The Holy-One, the True-One, the one who has David’s Key, the one who opens what nothing will close, the one who closes what nothing will open, says these things (Job 12:14; Isa 22:22; Rev 1:18). <sup>8</sup> I know your practices. Look! I have given you an open door which nothing is able to close. I know that you have little power and yet you cling to my Narrative and do not say ‘no’ to my name. <sup>9</sup> Look! I give you those from the assemblies of Satan, the ones who lie, saying they themselves are Judeans—*the Church*—when they are not (Rev 2:9). I will make them come and bow down before your feet and they will know that I have loved you. <sup>10</sup> You have clung to my Narrative of patient-endurance. I will cling to you during the hour of testing that is about to arrive upon all the civilized-world to test those who dwell upon the Earth (Rev 2:10, 3:3). <sup>11</sup> I am quickly arriving (Zeph 1:14; Rev 2:17)! Hold on to what you have, so no one will take away your crown (Rev 2:10)!

<sup>12</sup> Whoever finishes-the-race I will make a pillar in my Creator’s temple and he will never be expelled. I will write upon him the name of my Creator, the name of my Creator’s City, which is the New Jerusalem—*the Church*—that descends out of Heaven from my Creator, and my new name (Rev 2:17). <sup>13</sup> Whoever has an ear, listen to what the Spirit says to the churches!”

## Message 7: Repent

<sup>14</sup> “To the angel of the church in Laodicea, write:

The Amen, the Faithful and True Martyr, the Origin of the Creator’s creation, says these things (Rev 1:5). <sup>15</sup> I know your practices, that you are neither cold nor hot. If only you were cold or hot! <sup>16</sup> Thus, because you are lukewarm and neither hot nor cold, I am about to vomit you out of my mouth (Lev 18:27-28)! <sup>17</sup> For you are saying, ‘I am rich, I have become rich, and I have no needs’ (Deut 8:11-14; Hos 12:8; Zech 11:4-6). But you do not realize that you are wretched, needing-mercy, poor, blind, and naked (Gen 3:7; Prov 13:7). <sup>18</sup> I advise you to buy from me gold refined with fire, so that you may be rich (Prov 23:23; Isa 55:1; Rev 2:9). Buy from me white garments, so that you may be clothed and not reveal the shame of your nakedness (Rev 3:4-5). Anoint your eyes, so that you may see. <sup>19</sup> Those that I love, I discipline and instruct (Deut 8:5; 2 Sam 7:14; Job 5:17; Prov 3:12). Therefore, be zealous and repent! <sup>20</sup> Look! I have been standing at the door and knocking! If someone hears my voice and opens the door, I will enter into him and I will dine with him and he with me (Rev 3:8).

<sup>21</sup> Whoever finishes-the-race, will sit with me on my throne, like I also finished-the-race and sat with my Father on his throne (Rev 2:26-27). <sup>22</sup> Whoever has an ear, listen to what the Spirit says to the churches!”