

Sermon Notes

Jesus Walks Among the Lampstands

“Jesus Assessment of Sardis: Part C” – Revelation 3:1-6

I. Introduction

- A. Review of series outline.
- B. Text: Revelation 3:1-6
- C. We are currently studying the Consequence section.

1. The (negative) consequences were covered last week.

II. Exposition

A. Consequence (positive)

1. Revelation 3:5a

a. Overcomes formula in use

2. Conquerors will achieve three things.

- a. _____
- b. _____
- c. _____

3. Examining the three.

a. “Dressed in white”

1. White clothes as a metaphor for m_____ and
s_____ condition.

2. Texts: Rev. 6:11; 7:9, 13-14; Matt 28:3; John 20:12;
Acts 1:10; Dan 7:9

3. Toga in first century politics.

b. “No erasing of his name from the book of life.”

1. Widespread usage of metaphor in the Old Testament:
Ex 32:30-33; Ps 9:5; Isa 4:3; Dan 12:1.
New Testament usages: Phil 4:3; Luke 10:20; Heb 12:23

a. Used six times in Revelation: 3:5; 13:8; 17:8;
20:12,15; 21:27.

2. Kistemacher

3. Misinterpretation of this text leads to doubt over spiritual security. However, God clearly is the one holding on to us.

a. Isa 54:10; Jer 32:40; Matt 18:12-14; John 6:37-40;
10:27-30; I Thess 5:23-24; I Peter 1:3-5

b. Westminster Confession, Chapter 17

4. How then do we understand the “erase” metaphor? Do we or don’t we have the risk of falling away?

a. Calvin

b. Ephesians 2:8

c. Palmer

c. “I will confess his name before My Father and before His angels.”

1. Harks back to Jesus’ words said earlier in Matt 10:32-33.

2. Pastor Don’s story.

III. Point for Reflection

A. The call to “wake up” is a call for vigilance.

1. Vigilance overcomes complacency.