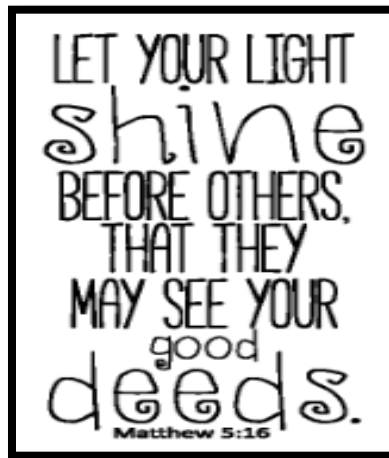


# The Church of Sardis



Read *The 7 Church Harvest – Part 6* (CBCG, 2000).

Read *Revelations 3:1-6*. Below, list the strengths & weaknesses of the Church of Sardis according to scripture.

Strengths: \_\_\_\_\_

Weaknesses:

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**Sardis**

Based on scripture, Sardis was known for:

1. God called those in Sardis \_\_ \_e\_\_ \_d\_.
2. Many in Sardis had soiled \_\_ \_a\_\_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_t\_\_.
3. God warned Sardis they could be \_r\_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_d\_ from the Book of Life.





## Thyatira Review

### Abyss & Depths of Satan:

What is meant by the reference to the “abyss”?

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What are the “depths of Satan” referred to in the church of Thyatira?

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### Deep Things of God:

How are the “deep things of God” revealed to us?

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Who qualifies to know & understand the deep things of God?

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In learning about the 7 churches, our focus should be on...

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| <input type="checkbox"/> judging others                    | <input type="checkbox"/> judging ourselves   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> categorizing people in the church | <input type="checkbox"/> repentance          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> making personal changes           | <input type="checkbox"/> celebrating victory |

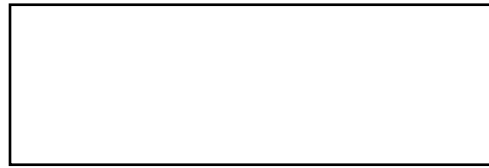
Check those things you need to have to be granted understanding of the Bible by God:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> a yielding spirit         | <input type="checkbox"/> pure heart           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> desire to repent & change | <input type="checkbox"/> vain thoughts        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> selfish exultation        | <input type="checkbox"/> teachable outlook    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> humble spirit             | <input type="checkbox"/> guarded against lies |

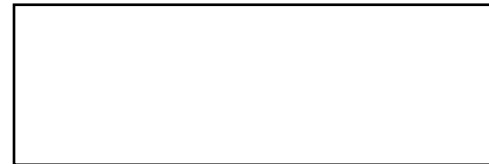


God tries the reins & the heart. Draw an image of each word to show & help you to remember what God judges.

HEART



REINS



Think of 3 words to describe what is meant by...

HEART - \_\_\_\_\_

REINS - \_\_\_\_\_

How can you keep God before you all day long, even during work, school, sports, & time with family & friends?

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### Matching for Understanding

Match each term to its meaning in the scripture.

Seven spirits

Remove from Book of Life

Blot a name out

Poor reputation

Defiling garments

God's righteousness

Dead

Sloppy obedience to God

White garments

God's way of seeing all





### True or False?

- \_\_\_ God's way is a way of life, not a "Sabbath thing".
- \_\_\_ Being part of a certain church group grants you salvation.
- \_\_\_ It is wise to repent before asking God to judge your heart.
- \_\_\_ God cares about how *well* we keep His commands.
- \_\_\_ Spiritual deadness is noted by the seven spirits.
- \_\_\_ Some people in a "dead church" may have white garments.
- \_\_\_ Our individual growth will be judged by God.
- \_\_\_ The thief in the night refers to Satan taking one's crown.



### Sardis

What is meant by "incomplete works"?

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God gives everyone \_\_\_h\_\_\_s\_ every day. He wants us to choose His way of doing things. He allows fiery \_t\_\_\_\_s\_ to test us & help us to build character in becoming more like Him. If we don't \_\_\_\_\_ from these trials & change our behaviors, we can defile our garments.

What are 5 ways they could have defiled their garments?

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_



**What does it mean to be “dead in Christ”?**

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**Many in Sardis were on the verge of committing**

\_\_\_\_\_. This means  
that their fate would be \_\_\_\_\_.



### **Parable of the 10 Virgins**

**Read Matt. 25:1-13. What is the oil & how is it received by those who know Christ?**

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**What are the 5 foolish virgins excluded from in this parable?**

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**To be found a wise virgin, what should we be doing?**

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**How would you feel if you were one of the virgins who wasn't known by the Bridegroom?**

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## Parable of the Unprofitable Servant

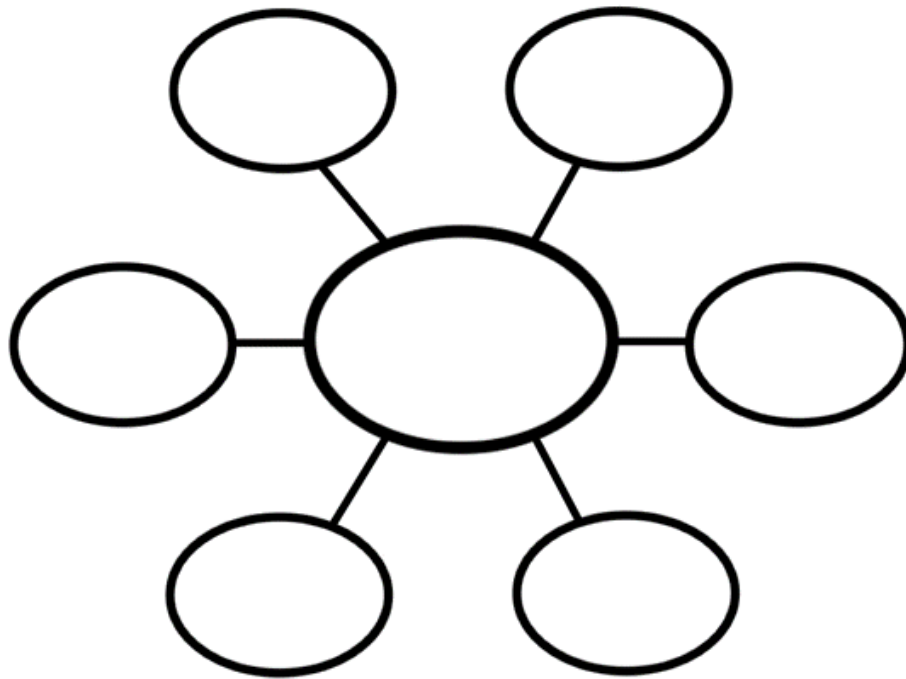
Read Matt. 25:14-30. Summarize the story.

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Describe the unprofitable servant by placing one characteristic of him in each of the smaller circles. Place Unprofitable Servant in the middle.



How are the rebukes in these two parables different?

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Why do you think that is the case?

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## Paul's Admonition

**Read Luke 12:47-48.**

**What is the warning given to all of us?**

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**Read Eph. 5:11-16.**

**List several things Paul advises that might apply to the virgins, the unprofitable servant, & those of Sardis.**

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

**What is the light that exposes all things?**

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**What does it mean to “redeem the time”?**

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**What are some ways you can redeem the time? Place one in each box below.**

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### **True or False?**

- ☐ The foolish virgins were thrown into the Lake of Fire.
- ☐ The unprofitable servant was smart to not take a chance on losing what he was given.
- ☐ Knowledge of truth & baptism will guarantee salvation.
- ☐ God rewards obedience & our efforts for His glory.
- ☐ Living selfishly or doing things your way pleases God.
- ☐ God rewards self-sufficiency & intelligence.
- ☐ Oil is similar to partaking of God's Word & growing spiritually throughout life.



### **Philadelphia Preview**

**What can we tell about the Philadelphia church by reading the passage starting in Revelation 3:7-13? Check all that apply.**

- ☐ The Christians in Philadelphia are perfect.
- ☐ They have a hierarchical church structure.
- ☐ This church stands separate from the world by their own strength.
- ☐ They relied on God for strength as they had none otherwise.
- ☐ They have been faithful in the ministry provided them.
- ☐ They are consistently loving to one another.
- ☐ They have denied Christ but are forgiven.
- ☐ They understood their calling.
- ☐ They will be rewarded as pillars in God's temple.





## Matching for Understanding

Match each term to its meaning in the scripture.

Key of David

Worshipping the beast

Open door

Pay homage to

Synagogue of Satan

Ability to preach

Worship

God's blessing & understanding

Time of temptation

World's system



## True or False?

\_\_\_ Some Christians will face the Tribulation.

\_\_\_ If you don't go to a place of safety, God has abandoned you.

\_\_\_ It is wise to plan ahead for a place of safety.

\_\_\_ We each have a unique mission to fulfill for Christ on Earth.

\_\_\_ Fighting the world's government system is fulfilling God's purpose on Earth.

\_\_\_ God calls some of us to be martyred as a witness.

\_\_\_ God brings us to the point of understanding that our strength is nothing through various trials.

\_\_\_ It may take a while of God teaching us through trials before we learn & wholly submit to Him so He can use us.

\_\_\_ Paul's thorn in the flesh was there to keep him humble.

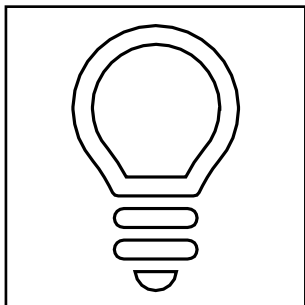
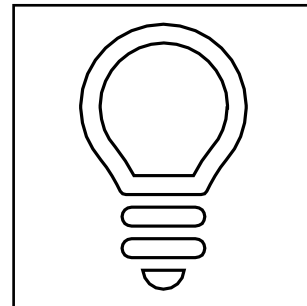
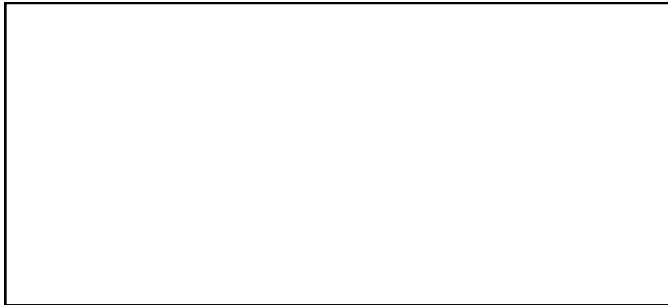
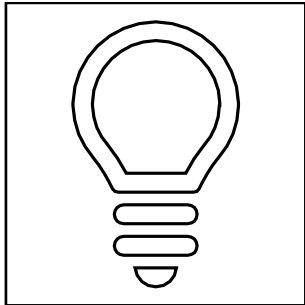
\_\_\_ Overcomers will receive a new name from God.





## Learning from Sardis

Place one lesson we can learn from Sardis in each shape below.



What will 3 things will you strive to do differently to avoid becoming “dead” like those in Sardis?

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_