

How does one become an *overcomer*?

What does the *overcomer* receive?

Are you an *overcomer*? Why or why not?

What is the significance of being “clothed in white garments”?

Can a name be erased from the *book of life*? If yes, how? If no, why not?

What is the implication for the believer when Jesus states, “I will confess his name before My Father and before His angels”?

When in your life has your reputation been misleading? How?

What do you think your reputation is in God’s eyes? Why?

How can a church appear to be alive and thriving and yet be dead?
What is your assessment our church’s reputation?

GOSPEL CONNECTION

“He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.” 2 Corinthians 5:21

APPLICATION

Are there specific areas of your Christian devotion where you have been asleep, lazy, or dead over the past months?

What will you do this week to *wake up*, *strengthen* what remains, *remember* what you received and heard, *keep* it, and *repent*?

MEMORY VERSE

‘Wake up, and strengthen the things that remain, which were about to die; for I have not found your deeds completed in the sight of My God.
³ ‘So remember what you have received and heard; and keep it, and repent. Therefore if you do not wake up, I will come like a thief, and you will not know at what hour I will come to you.” Revelation 3:2-3

Sermon-Based Study Guide

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Sermon Series:
What is the Spirit Saying?

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Reputation, Reality, Revitalize

Revelation 3:1-6

Sermon available at centurybaptist.org/watch/

Community Life Group Sermon-Based Study

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Our desire and goal is for all who call Century Baptist their church home to be involved in a Community Life Group or Bible study. We believe one of the best ways to be fed and exhorted in our faith is to interact with the Sunday sermon. This guide is designed to facilitate interaction by diving into the Sunday message through the study of Scripture together. If you are not in a group, we encourage you to take the step of involvement in community around your faith and the pursuit of faith in Jesus. While this study guide can be used individually, the greatest benefit of growth comes when people are interacting with each other around Biblical truth.

Contact Pastor Paul Herr at 701.223.0478 to learn more about sermon-based community life groups, and leading or hosting a group.

OPENING UP

What is your criteria for being awakened from sleeping?

INTRODUCTION to *What is the Spirit Saying?* sermon series

“As stated in Revelation 1:11 Christ sent a message to each of seven local churches in Asia Minor. The order of scriptural presentation was geographic. A messenger would naturally travel the route from the seaport Ephesus 35 miles north to another seaport Smyrna, proceed still farther north and to the east, to Pergamos, and then would swing further to the east and south to visit the other four cities (1:11).

“Though each message is different, the letters have some similarities. In each one Christ declared that He knows their works; each one includes a promise to those who overcome; each one gives an exhortation to those hearing; and each letter has a particular description of Christ that related to the message which follows. Each letter includes a commendation (except the letter to Laodicea), a rebuke (except the letters to Smyrna and Philadelphia), an exhortation, and an encouraging promise to those heeding its message. In general these letters to the seven churches address the problems inherent in churches throughout church history and are an incisive and comprehensive revelation of how Christ evaluates local churches.” John F. Walvoord

READ Revelation 3:1-6

What was one point or statement from the message that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

Who is “He” referring to in verse 1?

How did the speaker identify Himself?

What do we know about the city of Sardis?

What are the seven spirits of God?

What or who are the seven stars?

What does it mean to “have a name that you are alive”?

Why does *He* tell them, “but you are dead”?

How many imperatives are given in verses 2-3? What are they?

What does “for I have not found your deeds completed in the sight of My God” mean?

What is the meaning of the description “who have not soiled their garments”?

How is this analogy reflective of the city of Sardis?

What is the meaning of the phrase, “for they are worthy”? Who are *they*?

What does it mean to *overcome*?