

Please listen to the audio lesson "A Letter from Jesus: Sardis" first. Then after finishing the audio lesson, have the Scriptures handy to best utilize the following questions to answer and consider thoughtfully for your further study.

### **A Letter from Jesus: Sardis**

#### 1. Read Revelation 3:1

- a. What does Jesus have?
- b. What does it mean to have the seven Spirits of God? (Let's look closer)

#### 2. Read Revelation 1:4-5

- a. Who is the specific targeted audience of Revelation? Larger audience?
- b. John wants them to have Grace & Peace, what benefits do you find from Grace & Peace during tribulation?
- c. Who are Grace & Peace "from"?
- d. These seven Spirits are located in what relationship to God's throne?

#### 3. Read Revelation 4:1-5

- a. Who had the voice like the sound of a trumpet? (Rev. 1:10-18; it's Jesus)
- b. What grabs your attention about the throne of God?
- c. Anything seem unexpected?
- d. What are the 24 elders clothed in?
- e. The seven lamps of fire burning before the throne are what?
- f. What/Who is before the throne of God?

#### 4. Read Revelation 5:6-8

- a. Who did John see standing "between" the throne?
- b. Who is this Lamb? (See 5:5)
- c. Would "standing, as if slain," be descriptive of the resurrected Christ?
- d. A Lamb with 7 horns & 7 eyes. What do the 7 horns & eyes stand for?
- e. Where are the seven Spirits of God sent?
- f. What changed at the throne when the Lamb took the book?
- g. How are the prayers of the Saints described or illustrated?

Thoughts to Consider: These seven Spirits of God are described as being lamps of fire burning before the throne of God. After the Lamb (Jesus) is raised from the dead having purchased men by His blood (5:9), Jesus has the seven Spirits of God. The seven Spirits of God are sent out into all the earth, and without them you

cannot have Grace & Peace. Grace & Peace come from the Father, the Son, and the seven Spirits of God found in Jesus' possession. The seven Spirits are descriptive of the 7 horns & 7 eyes of the resurrected Lamb. Let's make application in Sardis.

5. Read Revelation 3:1-6

- a. Did the 7 eyes sent out into all the earth know/see the deeds of Sardis?
- b. Could Jesus even "see" their reputation/name? How awesome is that!
- c. How clear is the sight of Jesus & the seven Spirits/eyes?
- d. Did the spiritually dead saints have Grace & Peace?
- e. If those dead saints at Sardis repented, would they be raised with Christ?
- f. Would they again find Grace & Peace as Overcomers?
- g. Did the few who had not soiled their garments have Grace & Peace?
- h. How can we ever say Jesus doesn't understand our circumstances?!?!?
- i. If we walk with Jesus as worthy, where are we walking? (Rev 1:4; 4:5; 5:6)

6. Read Hebrews 4:14-16; 2:17

- a. What is the descriptive "Name" of God's throne? (v16)
- b. Who is the high priest always going before?
- c. Where are the seven Spirits located? (Revelation 1:4; 4:5; 5:6)
- d. Does Jesus have the seven Spirits?
- e. When propitiation was made by Jesus' blood, could sinners find peace?

7. Read Revelation 7:13-17

- a. Who are these clothed in white robes? Where are they from?
- b. Who washed their robes? How did they get so white?
- c. Those who are washed currently stand where?
- d. Will they "tabernacle" with God at His throne?
- e. Is Peace/Grace lathered upon those who are washed & clothed in white?
- f. Where is the Lamb's location? Where is the Shepherd guiding them to?
- g. Does God know when you cry? How well does Jesus "see" us?

Final Thought: Jesus is pictured before the throne of Grace, that we may also find peace in Him. Jesus has the seven Spirits of God, knowing it all. He knew Sardis too. If we are washed, we stand with Him before the throne of Grace, having confidence by the blood of Jesus. Have you been to Jesus to wash your robe? He'll confess your Name before the Father! Is your Name written in the book of Life?