

Revelation
Chapter 3
Student

Contents: The message to Sardis concerning their hypocrisy. The message to Philadelphia on hollow profession. The message to Laodicea on apostasy. **CHRIST's** attitude to the Church in its final stage in the world.

Characters: **GOD, CHRIST, HOLY SPIRIT**, Messengers of Sardis, Philadelphia, and Laodicea, David, John, satan.

Conclusion: Let the believer keep his/her spiritual ears open continually, for the voice of the **HOLY SPIRIT**, lest they be found merely professing the name of **CHRIST**, and not having the related power, or grow lukewarm toward **CHRIST**. As a result they can be taken unawares, or even *found to be a counterfeit at the sudden appearing of CHRIST* in glory.

Key Word: Message to Church (overcoming), 5,12,31

Strong Verses: 3,5,10-12,18,20,21

Striking Facts: 20. Supper is the evening meal, the last taken before the morning, breaks and the day dawns. This verse is a picture of **CHRIST** seeking entrance to the Church of the final state, and calling for individuals out of it who will sup (*share fellowship and a meal*) with **HIM**. "The night is far spent; the day is at hand." To sup with **HIM** before the morning breaks is the foretaste of coming glory.

Questions:

1. What is the condition of the churches?

2. What were their instructions?

3. What new name was JESUS called by?

Discussion Question: How would you compare/contrast Laodicea and Smyrna? Which is the better condition and why?