

“The Cross, the Sword & a Dead Church”

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“The Cross: A Foolish Stumbling Block,” Pt 9

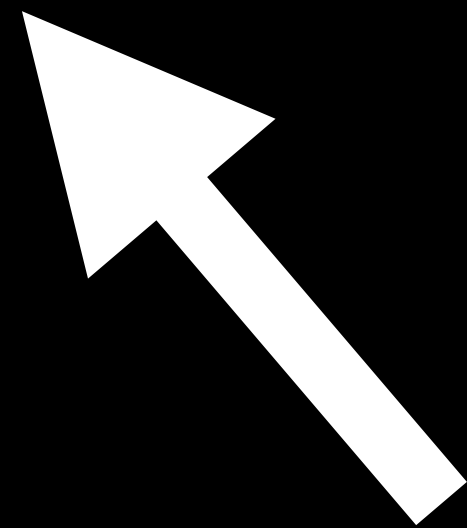
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Rev. 2:19 ...I know that your last works
are greater than the first.



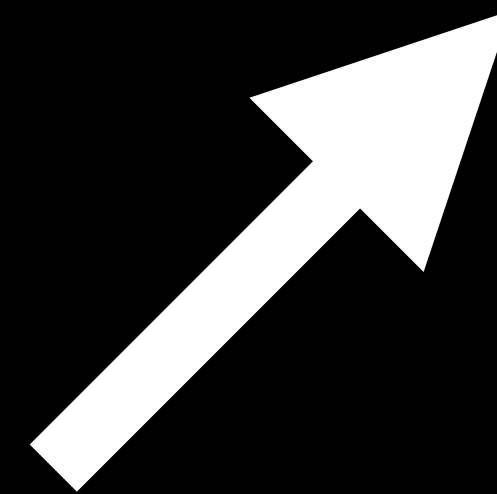
Thyatíra:

538 - 1563 CE



Sardís:

1563 - 1798 CE




Reformation

1517



Rev. 3:1 ¶ “And to the angel of the church in Sardis write: These are the words of him who has the seven spirits of God and the seven stars: ¶ “I know your works; you have a name of being alive, but you are dead.



Rev. 3:2 '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. 

Rev. 3:3 '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.



Rev. 3:4 Yet you have still a few
persons in Sardis who have not soiled
their clothes; they will walk with me,
dressed in white, for they are worthy.



Rev. 3:5 If you conquer, you will be clothed like them in white robes, and I will not blot your name out of the book of life; I will confess your name before my Father and before his angels.

Rev. 3:6 Let anyone who has an ear listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches.



Rom. 3:23 since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God;

Rom. 3:24 they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus,



Rev. 7:9 ¶ After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands.



The Sword & the Cross - 1500 to 1700 CE



- ◆ 1540 - Society of Jesus approved by Paul III.
- ◆ 1542 - the Inquisition is re-instated
- ◆ 1545 - Cranmer & Latimer martyred by Bloody Mary
- ◆ 1553 - Calvin has Michael Servetus executed
- ◆ 1554 - Jesuits expelled from England
- ◆ 1572 - St. Bartholemew Massacre
- ◆ 1618-1648 - 30 years war.
- ◆ 1649 - Puritans execute Charles 1st

2Cor. 5:21 For our sake He made

Him to be sin Who knew no sin, so

that in Him we might become the

Righteousness of God.



Is. 9:6 For a child has been born for us,

a son given to us;

authority rests upon his shoulders;

and he is named

Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,

Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.



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