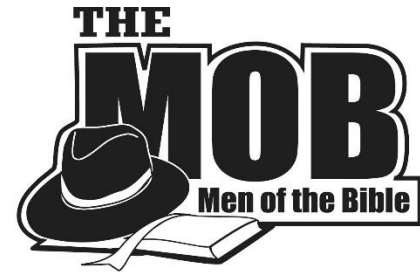


WELCOME TO THE MOB!

All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

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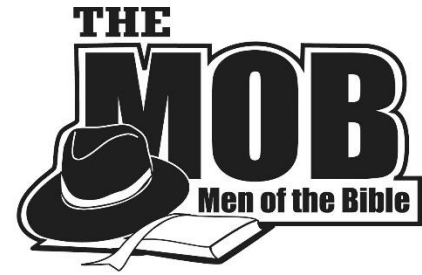
Announcements



- ***Assist Pregnancy Center Annual Fundraising Banquet***, Fri, Oct 15, at 6:30 pm at Falls Church Marriott Fairview Park.
- ***WACMM 2021 Regional Men's Conference***, Sat, Oct 23, 8:30 am - 12:30 pm, at Capital Baptist Church, Annandale, VA.
- ***Christian Embassy DC Fellowship Dinner***, Fri, Oct 29, at 6:30 pm Falls Church Marriott Fairview Park.

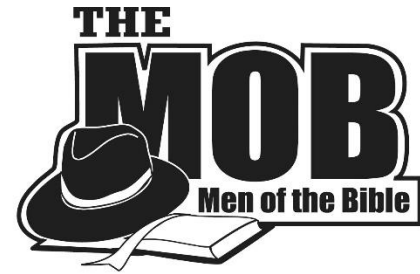


Please Rise



- **Invocation/Prayer.**
- **Song: “*Rise Up, O Men of God!*”**

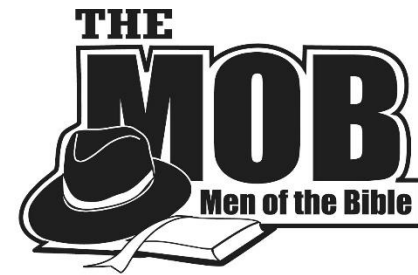
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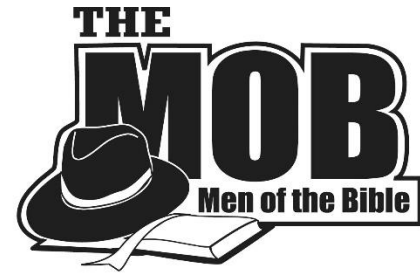
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Bible Study Schedule for Fall 2021 – Spring 2022 as of August 31, 2021

<u>Date</u>	<u>Meeting No.</u>	<u>The Revelation of Jesus Christ – Readings & Topics</u>	<u>Host Sm Grp</u>
Sep 7	1	Welcome , MOB 2021 – 2022 Overview, Bible Study Basics, Revelation 1 – 22 Overview & Prologue, Small Group Assignments & Introductions Dr. Constable's Notes on Revelation, 2021 Edition, pages (pp.) 1 - 20, 372 - 377 MacArthur, John. Because the Time is Near. Chicago, Moody Publishers, 2007, pp. 7-23	IBC
Sep 14	2	Revelation 1:4-8 Greeting to the Seven Churches Constable's Notes, pp. 20 - 26, MacArthur, pp. 24-29	F
Sep 21	3	Revelation 1:9-20 Vision of the Son of Man Constable's Notes, pp. 26 - 39, MacArthur, pp. 31-41	A
Sep 28	4	Revelation 2:1-7 To the Church in Ephesus Constable's Notes, pp. 39 - 48, MacArthur, pp. 45-53	B
Oct 5	5	Revelation 2:8-17 To the Church in Smyrna, To the Church in Pergamum Constable's Notes, pp. 48 - 59, MacArthur, pp. 55-70	C
Oct 12	6	Revelation 2:18 – 3:6 To the Church in Thyatira, To the Church in Sardis Constable's Notes, pp. 59 - 71, MacArthur, pp. 71-86	D
Oct 19	7	Revelation 3:7-13 To the Church in Philadelphia Constable's Notes, pp. 71 - 79, MacArthur, pp. 87-96	E
Oct 26	8	Revelation 3:14-22 To the Church in Laodicea Colossians 2:1-5, Constable's Notes, pp. 79 - 93, MacArthur, pp. 96-103	F

Our Study of Revelation



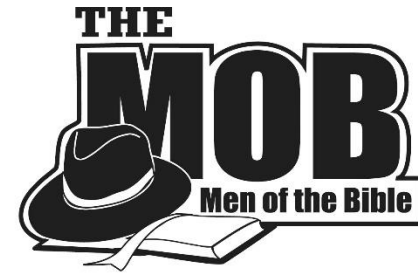
Last Meeting:

- Revelation 2:8-17 To the Churches in Smyrna & Pergamum
- Memory Verse: James 5:12
- *Dr. Constable's Notes on Revelation, 2021 Ed., pp. 48-59*

This Meeting:

- Revelation 2:18-3:6 To the Churches in Thyatira & Sardis
- Memory Verse: Revelation 2:25-26
- *Dr. Constable's Notes on Revelation, 2021 Ed., pp. 59-71*

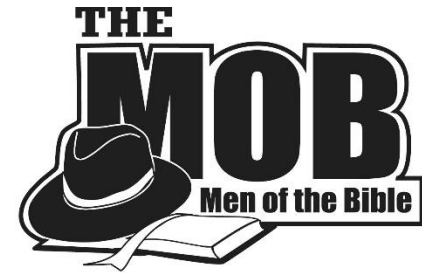
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Focus	“Things which you have seen”	“Things which are”	“Things which will take place after these things”				
Reference	1:1-20	2:1 – 3:22	4:1 – 5:14	6:1 – 19:10	19:11-21	20:1-15	21:1 – 22:21
Division	The Lord Jesus Christ	Seven Churches	The Judge	Tribulation	Second Coming	Millennium	Eternal State
Topic	Vision of Christ		Vision of Consummation				
	Theophany	Talks	Tribulations		Trumpets (7)	Together	
Location	Written on the Isle of Patmos						
Time	c. AD 95 - 96						

Revelation 1:11

The Seven Churches

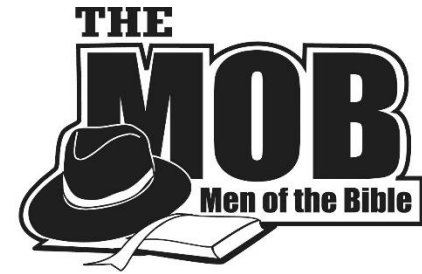


“Write what you see in a book and send it to the seven churches, to Ephesus and to Smyrna and to Pergamum and to Thyatira and to Sardis and to Philadelphia and to Laodicea.”

- Ephesus The Loveless
- Smyrna The Loyal (Persecuted)
- Pergamum The Lax (Compromising)
- Thyatira The Liberal (Corrupt)
- Sardis The Lifeless (Dead)
- Philadelphia The Laboring (Faithful)
- Laodicea The Lukewarm



Lesson Overview

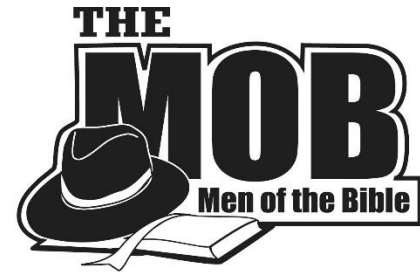


Thyatira and Sardis Receive Instructions

- **Five Deeds Worth Noting (2:18-19)**
- **Tolerating That Woman Jezebel (2:20-25)**
- **Authority Over The Nations (2:26-29)**
- **Dead Church Walking (3:1-2)**
- **Wake Up To Know I'm Coming (3:3-4)**
- **White Garments And Your Name (3:5-6)**

Revelation 2:18-19

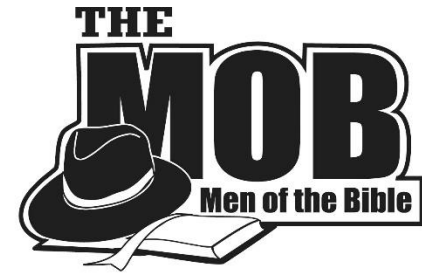
Five Deeds Worth Noting



- “**Thyatira**” = 1. Small City, 2. Lydia, 3. Guilds.
- “*Son of God ... flame of fire ... feet...bronze*”:
 - Messiah renders severe and firm judgment.
- Their “**works**” exceed the six other Churches:
 - (1.) **love** = only Church recognized,
 - (2.) **faith** = sustained their trust in God,
 - (3.) **service** = ministries met others’ needs,
 - (4.) **perseverance** = 4th Church, doesn’t give up!
 - (5.) **latter works exceed first** = deeds improved.

Revelation 2-20-25

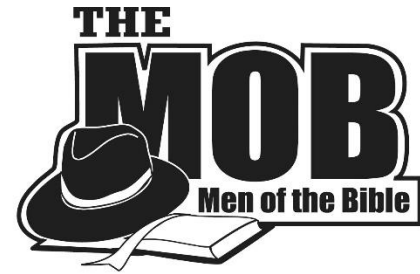
Tolerating That Woman Jezebel



- ***“tolerate... Jezebel”*** = she influenced some to stray to commit immoral acts & idol worship.
- She refused to ***“repent,”*** but God will judge her and others by ***“sickness?”*** ... ***“pestilence.”***
- Omniscience = ***“search...minds and hearts.”***
- Some did not follow her ***“deep”*** teaching; ***“no other burden,”*** but to ***“hold fast until I come.”***

Revelation 2:26-29

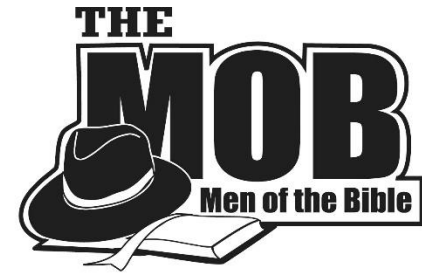
Authority Over The Nations



- Those who overcome receive “*authority*.”
 - Ps. 2:8-9, Is. 30:14 and Jer. 19:11.
 - Promise to rule during His earthly Kingdom.
- “*give...the morning star*” Rev. 22:16 (Dan 12:3).
 - Sharing or shining in eternity with Christ.
- **Parting shots for Thyatira:**
 - (1.) Good works accompany salvation.
 - (2.) Christians must not tolerate sin.
 - (3.) Overcomers will shine in Christ’s reign.

Revelation 3:1-2

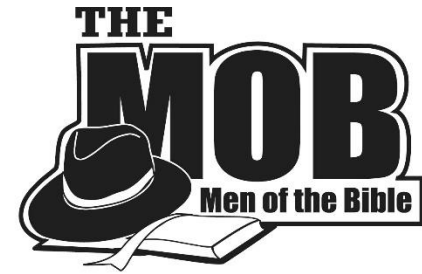
Dead Church Walking



- “**Sardis**” = 1. Stronghold, 2. Mint, 3. Dying Wool.
- “*Seven spirits ... seven stars*” = Christ directs His Church via the Holy Spirit and godly leaders.
- “*reputation of being alive*” = Sardis was happy with doing things that pleased only the world.
- “*but you are dead*” = In reality, their works didn’t translate into Heavenly treasures for God.
- “*wake up*” to what remains of their dying faith; redirect their efforts to “*complete*” God’s work.

Revelation 3:3-4

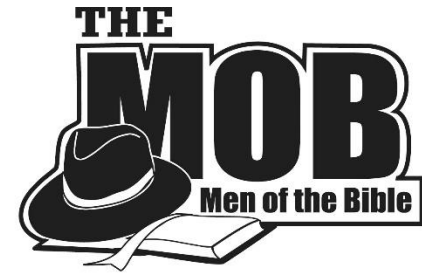
Wake Up To Know I'm Coming



- “**Remember**” the original Gospel message and its teachings, “**keep**” them, and “**repent.**”
- “**Thief**” = Christ’s unexpected return to judge Church (1 Thess. 5:12, 1 Pet. 3:10, Rev 16:15).
- Some had “**not soiled their garments.**”
 - Godly character was not stained (Jude 23).
- “**walk with Me in white ... worthy**” = Saints’ purity and holiness (6:11; 7:9,13; 19:8,14).

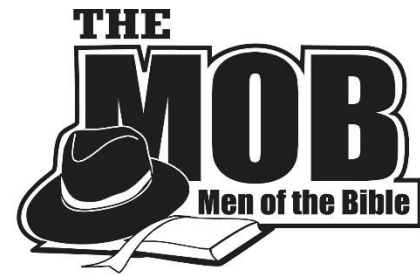
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White Garments Any Your Name



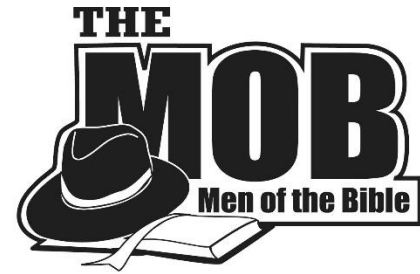
- Overcomers dressed in white (1 John 5:4).
- *“I will not erase his name from...book of Life.”*
 - **God will never (x2) blot out an overcomer!**
- A name, known by the world, is *“confessed”* now by Christ (Matt. 10:32, Luke 12:8).
- **Parting shots for Sardis:**
 - (1.) Erase the reputation as a dead Church.
 - (2.) True believers get to celebrate victory.

Conclusion



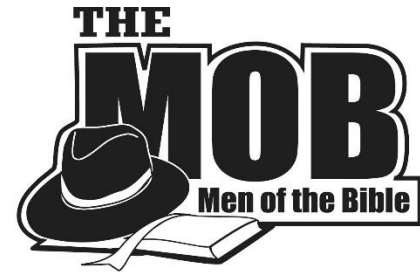
- **The Church must be firm in its intolerance of sin and false teaching within the body.**
- **A Church that blends well with the world is mostly likely dead in spiritual matters.**
- **God knows the motives and intensions of His Church, and of all who try to undermine it.**

Questions 1 of 3



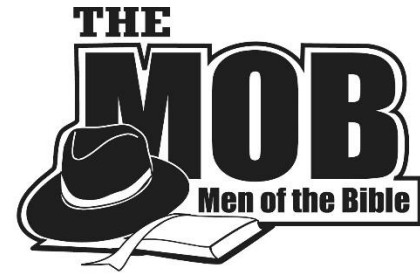
- 1.) How did Christ identify Himself to the church of Thyatira—and what’s significant about that?**
- 2.) What do you know about the city of Thyatira?**
- 3.) What was especially commendable about the church of Thyatira, according to Christ?**
- 4.) What was the big problem with the church of Thyatira, and why was it (is it) described as a “corrupt” church?**
- 5.) What did the Lord threaten to inflict on Jezebel and her followers unless they repented, and why was the judgment called for appropriate?**
- 6.) Why did the Lord “single out” those in Thyatira who “did not hold to the teaching” (of Jezebel) or “know the “deep things of Satan” —and what did he urge them to do?**

Questions 2 of 3



- 7.) What did the Lord reveal in His words to the church of Thyatira about “things to come”?
- 8.) What did He promise to those who would “overcome” and “keep His deeds until the end”?
- 9.) How did the Lord present Himself to the church of Sardis, and what “good thing” did He have to say to them about their spiritual status?
- 10.) What was the “up-front” exhortation, and warning, given to the church of Sardis?
- 11.) What did the Lord say would happen to the church if they didn’t respond to the exhortation?
- 12.) What insights does this text give us into the “book-keeping” in heaven?

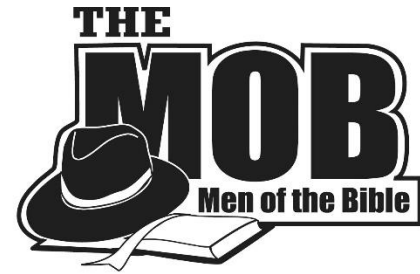
Questions 3 of 3



13.) How would you reconcile the implications of having your name “erased from the book of life,” in Revelation 3:5, with the doctrine of the “security of the believer”?

14.) What key lessons will you take away from this study tonight?

Next Meeting



Review:

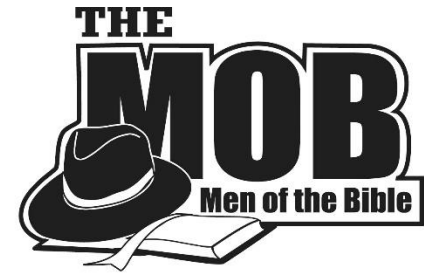
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Study:

- Revelation 3:7-13 To the Church of Philadelphia
- Memory Verse: 1 Corinthians 15:57-58
- *Dr. Constable's Notes on Revelation, 2021 Ed., pp. 71-79*
- Refreshment Host: Small Group E

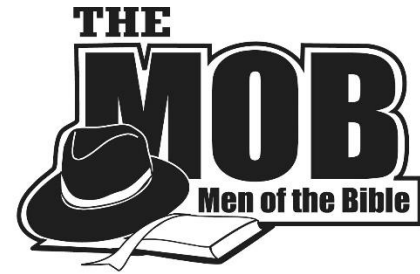


Closing



- Questions
- Benediction

Revelation 2:18-29



18 “And to the angel of the church in Thyatira write: ‘The words of the Son of God, who has eyes like a flame of fire, and whose feet are like burnished bronze.

19 “‘I know your works, your love and faith and service and patient endurance, and that your latter works exceed the first.

20 But I have this against you, that you tolerate that woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess and is teaching and seducing my servants to practice sexual immorality and to eat food sacrificed to idols.

21 I gave her time to repent, but she refuses to repent of her sexual immorality.

22 Behold, I will throw her onto a sickbed, and those who commit adultery with her I will throw into great tribulation, unless they repent of her works,

23 and I will strike her children dead. And all the churches will know that I am he who searches mind and heart, and I will give to each of you according to your works.

24 But to the rest of you in Thyatira, who do not hold this teaching, who have not learned what some call the deep things of Satan, to you I say, I do not lay on you any other burden.

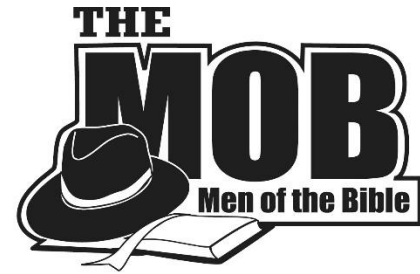
25 Only hold fast what you have until I come.

26 The one who conquers and who keeps my works until the end, to him I will give authority over the nations, 27 and he will rule them with a rod of iron, as when earthen pots are broken in pieces, even as I myself have received authority from my Father.

28 And I will give him the morning star.

29 He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.’

Revelation 3:1-6



1 “And to the angel of the church in Sardis write: ‘The words of him who has the seven spirits of God and the seven stars. “I know your works. You have the reputation of being alive, but you are dead.

2 Wake up, and strengthen what remains and is about to die, for I have not found your works complete in the sight of my God.

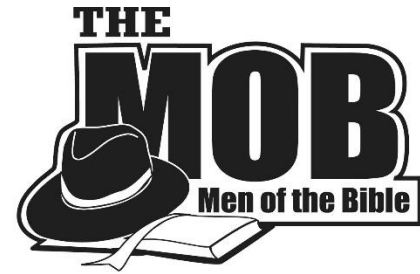
3 Remember, then, what you received and heard. Keep it, and repent. If you will not wake up, I will come like a thief, and you will not know at what hour I will come against you.

4 Yet you have still a few names in Sardis, people who have not soiled their garments, and they will walk with me in white, for they are worthy.

5 The one who conquers will be clothed thus in white garments, and I will never blot his name out of the book of life. I will confess his name before my Father and before his angels.

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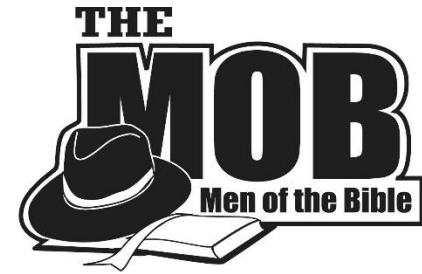
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Additional References (if needed and as time permits):

- [Dr. Constable's Notes on Revelation \(Full Commentary - FREE pdf download\)](#)
- [Precept Austin \(Pastor Tom's favorite Bible study reference site\)](#)
- [Hebrew Interlinear \(look up the meaning of the original Hebrew words\)](#)
- Others references available at www.ibcmob.net/resources and online

What We Teach

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Future

We believe that Jesus Christ will physically return in the air to take the church out of the world to be with Him forever ([John 14:2-3](#); [1 Thessalonians 4:16-17](#)). Scripture tells us to be ready always for His coming ([1 Thessalonians 5:4-6](#); [Revelation 22:20](#)). At that moment, the dead in Christ and living believers will be given their eternal bodies ([1 Corinthians 15:51-53](#)). Jesus Christ will then bring a seven-year period of wrath upon the earth known as the tribulation ([1 Thessalonians 5:2-3](#); [Revelation 6-18](#)). At the end of this period of judgment, He will return bodily ([Acts 1:9-11](#); [Zechariah 14:4-8](#)) with the church to set up a kingdom to rule in righteousness the entire earth for a thousand years ([Revelation 19:1-20:6](#); [Matthew 13:41-43](#)).

The kingdom will end in rebellion against Christ and His people ([Revelation 20:7-9](#)), but the rebellion will fail in the face of Christ's victory over Satan and all who oppose Him ([Revelation 20:9-10](#)). The unbelieving dead of all time will then be raised and given eternal bodies to face God in final judgment ([Revelation 20:11](#)), after which they will be thrown into the lake of fire to eternal torment ([Revelation 20:15](#)). Believers will enter a new heaven and new earth ([Revelation 21:1-22:6](#)) prepared for them to enjoy perfect, everlasting fellowship with God.