Church Sub Theme for 2019-22: "What's The Church Supposed To Be Like?!" (Problems in the Church)

Sunday, October 23, 2022

Sermon Outline

- 4. Size is not the issue as some think. A small or large church can be dead. There are many dead Mega Churches made up of mostly unsaved people! Cf. Mt. 13:24, 25; 2 Tim. 4:2, 3
 - -There are multitudes of Sardis Churches today!

II. THE LORD TELLS THEM HOW TO CORRECT THEIR SITUATION, v-2

- A. He Tells Them That They Need To Wake Up From Their Death Sleep, v-2a
- B. He Tells Them That They Need To Strengthen The things That Remain And That Were About To Die, v-2b
- C. He Tells Them That He Had Not found their Deeds Satisfying In The sight Of God, v-2c

III. THE LORD TELLS THEM HOW TO STRENGTHEN THE THINGS THAT ARE ABOUT TO DIE, v-3

- A. They Had To Remember What They Had Received And Heard, v-3a
 - --Go back to the sound doctrine they once heard and walked in.
- B. They Needed To Obey It, v-3b

- C. They Needed To Repent Before God, v3-c
- IV. THE LORD WARNS THEM IF THEY DO NOT WAKE UP HE WOULD COME UPON THEM IN JUDGMENT, v-3d
 - a. Suddenly He would come
 - b. At an unexpectant time
- V. THE LORD RECOGNIZES THAT THERE ARE A FEW GENUINE BELIEVRS IN THE CHURCH AT SARDIS, v-4, 5 --A Remnant
 - --There was only one church in Sardis at that time,
 - A. They Were Obedient, Genuine Believers, v-4a -- They had not soiled themselves with sin.
 - B. They Were Walking Worthy Of God's High Call To Salvation In Christ, v-4b; Eph. 4:1; Col. 1:10
 - --White garments of God's Righteousness
 - C. The Overcomers At Sardis Will All Wear God's White Garments, v-5a
 - D. The Lord Affirms The Security Of Their Salvation, v-5b
 - --Their names will not be removed from the Book of Life!
 - E. The Lord Will Affirm Them As His Own In The Presence Of The Father And His Angels, v-5c
 - F. Again The Lord Appeals For Those Who Have Ears To Really Hear What The Spirit Is Saying To The Churches, v-6