

SUNDAY—DECEMBER 10

DAILY SCRIPTURE READING: Revelation 3

☐ MARK IF READ *BONUS* ☐ PROVERBS 10 ☐ PSALM 46-50

REVELATION 3:3

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The church at Sardis was urged to go back to what they first heard and believed, to get back to the basics of the faith. It is important to grow in our knowledge of the Lord, to deepen our understanding through careful study. But no matter how much we learn, we must never abandon basic truths. The church was also told to “wake up.” Their wealth and comfort had lulled them to sleep. Their self-satisfaction had caused them to sleep spiritually. They were no longer growing in faith and evangelism. They lacked compassion to serve. Are you watchful and alert? Your brothers and sisters in Christ need you to be spiritually awake and morally prepared.

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MONDAY—DECEMBER 4

DAILY SCRIPTURE READING: 1 John 5

□ MARK IF READ *BONUS* □ PROVERBS 4 □ PSALM 16-20

1 JOHN 5:13

These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.

Some people “hope” that they will receive eternal life. John says we can know we have it. Our certainty is based on God’s promise that He has given us eternal life through His Son. This is true whether you feel close to God or far away from Him. Eternal life is not based on feelings but on facts. You can know that you have eternal life if you believe God’s truth. If you aren’t sure that you are a Christian, ask yourself: Have I honestly accepted Jesus Christ as my Saviour, believing that He is my only hope for forgiveness and salvation. If you have, rest in the knowledge of His promise. Having your eternal destiny secure helps us live this life confidently.

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REVELATION 2:2

I know thy works, and thy labour, and thy patience, and how thou canst not bear them which are evil: and thou hast tried them which say they are apostles, and are not, and hast found them liars:

Over a long period of time, the church in Ephesus had steadfastly refused to tolerate sin among its membership. This was not easy in a city noted for its immoral practices associated with the worship of the goddess Diana. We also are living in times of widespread immoral sin. It is popular to be “open-minded” towards many types of sin, calling them personal choices or “alternative lifestyles.” When the body of believers tolerates sin in the church, it is lowering its standards and compromising its witness. Remember that God’s approval is infinitely more important than the world’s. Use God’s Word to set the standards for what is right and what is wrong.

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REVELATION 1:4

John to the seven churches which are in Asia: Grace be unto you, and peace, from him which is, and which was, and which is to come; and from the seven Spirits which are before his throne;

It seems that the Roman authorities had exiled John to the Island of Patmos as a punishment for preaching the Gospel. The vision John received opens with instructions for him to write seven churches. He both commends them for their strengths and warns them about their flaws. Each letter was directed to a church then in existence but also speaks to conditions in the church throughout history. Both in the church and in our individual lives, we must constantly fight against the temptation to become loveless, immoral, lenient, compromising, lifeless, or casual about our faith. The letters make it clear how the Lord feels about such qualities.

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2 JOHN 1:4

I rejoiced greatly that I found of thy children walking in truth, as we have received a commandment from the Father.

The "truth" is the truth about Jesus Christ, as opposed to the lies of the false teachers.. John referred to truth five times in the first four verses of this brief letter. In contrast to so many in our culture who deny truth or pervert truth by twisting it to mean what they want it to mean, John declared the existence of an absolute. God is the ultimate standard by which all else can be judged. God is true, His words are always true, and whatever or whoever contradicts or opposes Him is false, deceptive, and dangerous. Christians must engage now in the difficult, but critical battle for truth. Be apart of a mision that distinguishes between truth and error!

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3 JOHN 1:5-6

Beloved, thou doest faithfully whatsoever thou doest to the brethren, and to strangers; 6 Which have borne witness of thy charity before the church: whom if thou bring forward on their journey after a godly sort, thou shalt do well:

In the church's early days, travelling preachers, evangelists, and missionaries were helped on their way by people like Gaius, who housed and fed them. Hospitality is a lost art in many churches today. We would do well to invite more people for meals—fellow church members, young people, travelling ministers, those in need, and visitors. This is an active and much appreciated way to show your love. In fact it is probably even more important today. Because of our individualistic, self-centered society, many lonely people wonder if anyone cares whether they live or die. Show people you care. Feeding and befriending people is a great way to reach out and influence others.

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JUDE 1:3

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How do Christians "contend for the faith" today? (1) We can defend the faith by KNOWING the truth. We do that by faithfully reading and studying the Scripture. We must understand the basic doctrines of the faith so we can prevent false teaching from undermining our faith. (2) We can defend the faith by growing personally with Christ. Knowledge is important, but having a personal relationship with God is essential. Through this relationship, we have the Holy Spirit as our Teacher. (3) We can defend the faith by remaining in unity with other Christians in regards to the essential doctrines that are foundational to the Christian life.

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