**Because He Reigns – Rev. 3:5**

***He who overcomes will thus be clothed in white garments***

Did you know that without holiness you will not be saved?

Holiness in this world is living like Jesus.

Did you know the way you live compares to clothing for your body?

Do have on holy clothing or sinful clothing?

**Focal truth: Believers in heaven will be eternally perfectly holy**

**Observations**

1. **Believers who live in holiness honor the Lord Jesus - 3:4**

*You have a few people in Sardis who have not soiled their garments, and they will walk before Me in white, for they are worthy*

1. Believers must avoid **the stain** **of unconfessed** fleshly sins & worldliness- unholiness

*who have not soiled = stained their garments –* ***stains are hard to hide!***

***Some of the believers in Sardis were living in unholiness****: 3:1-2*

1. *You have a name but that you are alive, but you are dead – sp. deadness*
2. *Wake up, strengthen what remains, which is about to die*
3. *I have not found your deeds completed in the sight of My God*

*Jude 23 – hating even the garment polluted by the flesh*

1. Believers living in sin experience **the corruption** of sinful lusts & worldliness

2 P.2:10 – *especially those who indulge the flesh in its corrupt desires*

1. Believers live in holiness in the world when **repent & removed their sinful clothes – sinful ways & put on holy clothes** – holy living

Rm. 13:12 – *put on the armor of light*

Rm. 13:14 – *put on the Lord Jesus Christ, make no provision for the flesh*

E. 4:22,24 – **lay aside the old self, which is being corrupted -**  ***put on the new self*** *which is in the likeness of God has been created in righteousness and holiness of the truth*

*C. 3:10* ***– put on the new self*** *who is being renewed to a true knowledge according to the image of the One who created him*

**Consider**

1. *Believers who live in unconfessed sin have stained themselves with the filthiness of sin!* ***Rev. 22:14 – blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they may have the right to the tree of life***
2. *Believers who live with unconfessed sin must wake up, and repent!*

***Rev. 3:2 -Wake up! Strengthen what remains, which is about to die***

1. **Believers who live in holiness reveal their worthiness of salvation – 3:4**

*they will walk with Me in white, for they are worthy*

1. *Believers have been called to live in holiness*

*1 Thess. 4:7 – for God has not called us for the purpose of impurity, but in sanctification – holiness*

*Heb. 12:14 – without sanctification without which no one will see the Lord*

*2 P.1:4* ***having escaped the corruption that is in the world by lust***

1. Believers who live in holiness have fellowship with the Lord Jesus – they will walk with me

*1 Jhn.1:7 - If we walk in the Light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another and the blood of Jesus cleanses us from our sin*

1. *Believers who live in holiness always walk in the sight of the Lord in holiness*

*G. 17:1 - I am God Almighty; walk before Me and be blameless*

**Consider**

Believers in the world **can dishonor** the Lord through living in the corruption of sinful lusts

Believers in the world **can destroy** their witness through living in corruption of sinful lusts

1. **Believers will be transformed into perfect holiness in heaven – 3:5**

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1. The Lord Jesus perfect holiness & glory were revealed on the earth

Mt. 17:2 – *he was transfigured before them, and His face shone like the sun, and* ***His garments became as white as light***

1. The Lord Jesus reigns in perfect holiness & glory

2:13 – *I saw one like the son of man… his head and hair were like white wool, like snow, and His eyes were like a flame of fire, his feet were like burnished bronze, when it has been made to glow in a furnace*

1. Believers in heaven are clothed in white garments = in perfect holiness

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4:4 - *I saw 24 elders sitting clothed* ***in white garments*** *around the throne*

*6:11 – they were given* ***a white robe****, they were told to rest for a little while longer…*

7:9 – *I saw a great multitude no one can count, from every nation, tribe, people, and*

*language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, they were* ***wearing white***

***robes*** *and were holding palm branches in their hands.*

*19:8 – it was given to her to clothe herself in* ***the fine linen, bright and clean, for the***

***fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints***

*19:11 – the armies of heaven clothed* ***in fine linen, white and clean*** *were following Him on white horses*

1. Believers will experience glorification in heaven – clothed in eternal holiness
2. Clothed in an **unstainable robe of holiness**
3. Clothed in a **perfected robe of holiness**
4. Clothed in a **Christlike robe of holiness**

*For our citizenship is in heaven, from which also we eagerly wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ,* ***who will transform the body of our humble state into conformity with the body of His glory,*** *by the exertion of the power that He has even to subject all things to Himself – Ph. 3: 20 -21*

**Consider**

1. Believers in heaven will no longer have the possibility of sinning again!
2. Grace is glory begun & glory is grace perfected! – J Edwards

**Things to Remember & Do**

1. **Nothing is more shameful than the sinful stain of unconfessed sin!**
2. **Repent of unconfessed sin – strengthen your spiritual life in Christ today!**
3. **Holy living now – promises perfect holiness in heaven!**

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***To the praise of the glory of His grace! The Lord is near to the door! Come Lord Jesus!***