

# WHAT SECURITY!

Revelation 2:4-6

## Introduction:

### A. Kinds of security

1. P\_\_\_\_\_ - based on feelings (e.g. blanket)
2. R\_\_\_\_\_ - based on protections (e.g. locks)
3. A\_\_\_\_\_ - based on truth

### B. Is your eternal life with Christ absolutely secure?

1. Some base their answer on f\_\_\_\_\_
2. Others base their answer on t\_\_\_\_\_
3. What is your answer based on?

## Conquerors work on changing their behavior (4,5a)

### A. Jesus uses the metaphor of c\_\_\_\_\_ to refer to Christian behavior

1. There were a f\_\_\_\_\_ “names” in the church of Sardis who had not gotten their clothes dirty (v. 4a)
  - a. Dirtying clothes is a metaphor for dabbling in s\_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Therefore, their clothes were clean (living righteously)
    - a. Jesus promises that these will walk with Him in white because they are w\_\_\_\_\_ (4b) - What are these white clothes?
2. Jesus gives a promise to conquerors (a name for all true believers): *will thus be clothed in white garments*
  - a. The word *thus* refers back to how the ones who had not soiled their garments would wear white (NIV – *will like them be dressed in white*; KJV – *the same shall be clothed*). Who is dressing these believers?
  - b. The language of Greek has the action of being clothed in the m\_\_\_\_\_ voice which answers the above question.
    - 1) Active voice – The subject of the sentence does the action of putting clothes on another like a mother puts clothes on her baby (e.g. Matt 25:36)
    - 2) Passive voice – the subject of the sentence receives the action of being clothed like a baby being clothed (translations wrongly translate Rev 3:5a as being in the passive voice)

- 3) Middle voice – the subject of the sentence does the action of putting clothes on himself (e.g. Matt 6:29) and so verse 5 a should be translated, *the one who overcomes will in the same way clothe himself in white clothes.*
- c. The white clothes refers to the actions of righteousness that believers do
  - 1) Rev 19:8 is a picture of the church being given clean clothes to put on and the clothes are called the r\_\_\_\_\_ acts of the saints (i.e. believers).
  - 2) Overcomers are characterized by putting on the right clothes.
- B. Sometimes we put on the wrong clothes by falling into s\_\_\_\_\_, but our character is to put on the right clothes.
  1. We are urged to put on the right clothes by living Jesus's w\_\_\_\_\_ (Rom 13:14; Col 3:10; Heb 12:1)
  2. The test of the genuineness of our relationship to Christ is t\_\_\_\_\_ - does our long-term behavior show a lifestyle of obedience?

### **Christ will never cancel your salvation (5b)**

- A. Christ promises that He won't erase the overcomer's name from the book of life.
  1. The book of life is a metaphor for e\_\_\_\_\_ life (see Lk 10:20; Phil 4:3)
  2. Many say that there is a possibility that Jesus will erase some names, but that is reading \_\_\_\_\_ the text something that is not there. The promise is that He will NOT erase one's name
- B. The teaching that once a person is truly saved that that person will forever be saved is the emphases of scripture:
  1. The idea that people bounce in and out of salvation cannot be found in the Bible.
  2. Some say that the doctrine of eternal security promotes s\_\_\_\_\_ (if I am saved, I can sin all I want) but the apostle Paul addressed this idea in Rom 6:1,2.
  3. Some will state that they know people who were gave their life to Christ but later turned away from Christ but Paul deals with this in Col 1:22,23.

- a. A person is now reconciled (made right with God) only if they continue in the f\_\_\_\_\_.
  - b. If they do not continue in the faith, then they were never reconciled.
4. Eternal life
- a. Is e\_\_\_\_\_ (Jn 3:16 – you cannot have eternal life temporarily, for then it would not be eternal).
  - b. Is to personally k\_\_\_\_\_ the one true God through Jesus whom He has sent (Jn 17:3)
  - c. Jesus g\_\_\_\_\_ eternal life to His sheep who will n\_\_\_\_\_ perish (Jn 10:28)
- C. If you are truly a believer your eternal destiny is a\_\_\_\_\_ secure.

**Christ will confess our innocence (5c)**

- A. The end of verse 5 is a scene of a c\_\_\_\_\_ room
  - 1. God the Father is the j\_\_\_\_\_
  - 2. Jesus represents each overcomer (i.e. true believers)
- B. No believer will get lost in the masses – God personally k\_\_\_\_\_ all those who belong to Him (2 Tim 2:19)
  - 1. Very f\_\_\_\_\_ names will remain in the pages of history books.
  - 2. The name of each believer will remain in the book of life and will be s\_\_\_\_\_ by Jesus on that final day.

**Conclusion** – Does your eternal security rest:

- 1. On your feelings
- 2. On your religious activity
- 3. Or on the truth of who Jesus is and of His saving, transforming power in your life.