



# REVELATION 26 – SARDIS: LIVING WITNESS TO LOST

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Revelation 3:4-6

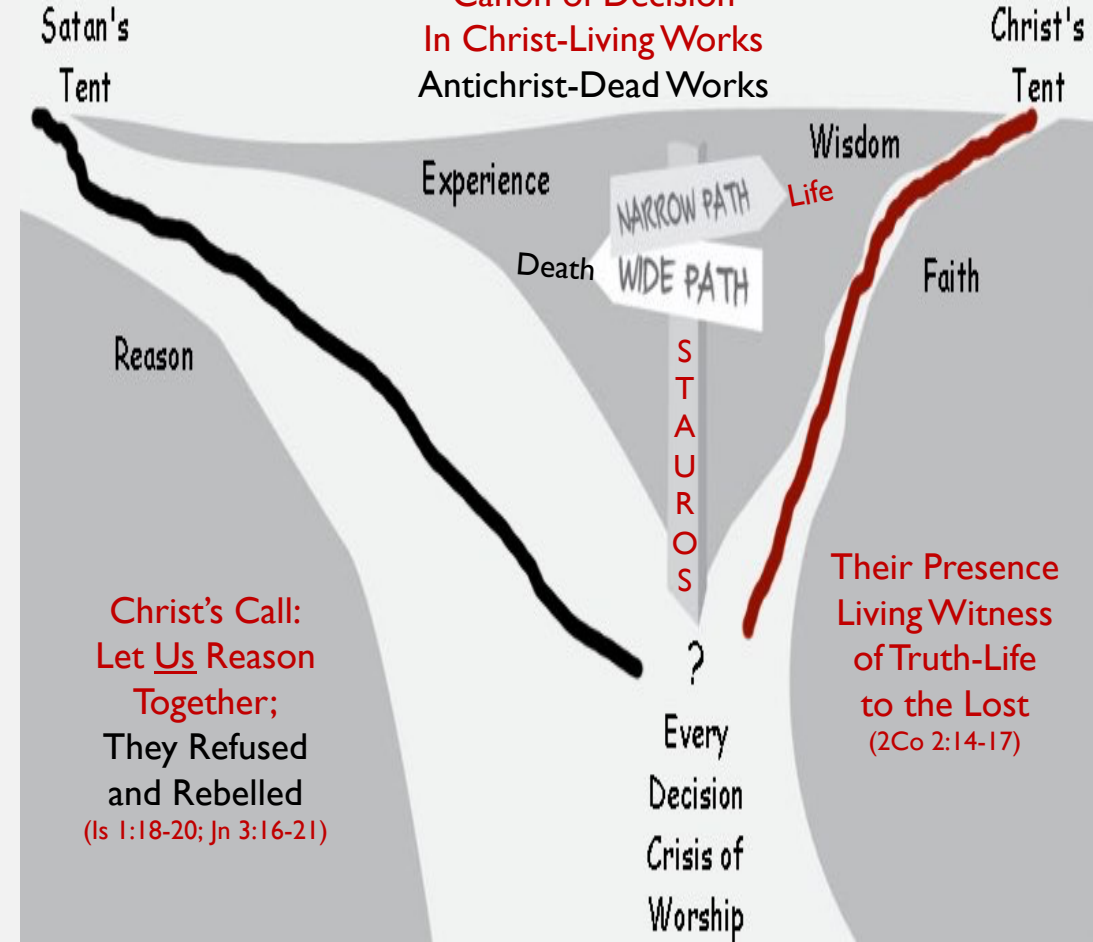
# CHRIST – KNOWS YOUR WORKS

- Worship is a continual state: Your decisions reveal your truth; your worship (1Sa 16:7)
- Wide Path: Bordered by *Fallen Reason* {*Illogic*} & Self-Experience {*Emotion-Driven*}
  - Satan's Tent {*Self-righteous Works*}: Enforced unity {*Lie of Diversity*} (1Sa 15:23; Jn 8:4-47)
- Narrow Path: Bordered by *Wisdom* {*Bible-guided Knowing*} and *Faith* {*Gift of Spirit*}
  - Christ's Tent {*Faith Works*}: Works reveal Christ **in Us** {*New Nature*} {*True Diversity*} (Ga 2:20; Col 1:27; Ja 2:17-26)

Lake of Fire:  
Purging Dross of  
Sin's Unholiness

Stauros:  
Canon of Decision  
In Christ-Living Works  
Antichrist-Dead Works

New Jerusalem:  
*Clothed in*  
Christ's Holiness



OLD TESTAMENT: FEAR – BEGINNING OF WISDOM  
NEW TESTAMENT: FRIENDS – *ADOPTED* SONS

OT: PRE-STAUROS  
HOLINESS WAITING *SATISFACTION*



NT: POST-STAUROS  
HOLINESS *SATISFIED*



There is no fear in love, but *mature* love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and  
Whoever fears has not been *completed* in love. (1Co 13:12; He 10:29-31; 1Jo 4:18)

# SARDIS: FEW WHO ARE ALIVE – I) CLOTHED IN RIGHTEOUSNESS

- Garment: metaphor of one's *flesh, with its associated works*, carried over from Old Testament: Sinners described being clothed in disgusting rags: Menstrual blood & Fecal-urine stained (Is 64:6-8; 1Co 15:42-50; Jude 22-23)
  - Saved described being clothed in the *garments* of salvation {Christ's Righteousness} (Is 61:10-11; Ga 3:27-29; Ph 3:8-11)
- Christ shows Himself *Head* of church elder, steward, who if they remain faithful display their salvation works, clothed in Christ, like High Priest Joshua whose sin-*{fecal}* stained *robes* were exchanged for righteous *{clean}* ones (Ze 3:1-8)
  - Sardis' faithful few refused to *soil* themselves again in sin's filth; unlike today's *believers* (2Pe 2:20-22)
  - Their testimony can cost them dearly in the World: Revelation Theme (Mt 5:10-12; Re 7:9-17)

## SARDIS: FEW WHO ARE ALIVE – 2) NAME WRITTEN IN *BOOK OF LIFE*

- Another Old Testament metaphor: *Book of Life* {Immutably permanent} (Ex 32:32-33)
  - Contains names of **all** whom Christ saves; written before Creation (Lk 10:20; Ep 1:3-14; Ph 4:3)
  - Christ, Lamb, intimately linked with this *Book*; written in His Blood (1Pe 1:18-22-25; Re 13:8)
  - You cannot remove or add your name: *New Name* – Title Describing Your Faith\*  
(Mt 7:21-23; Jn 10:25-30; Re 2:17; 20:11-15)
- You do not persevere against Death-Satan-World-Flesh alone (Ep 6:12-13)
  - We stand; Christ-Spirit-Word fight for us: we required to be faithful (1Co 4:1-2; Ep 6:14-20)
  - Perseverance taxes us to our limits displaying Christ in the World (Mt 10:34-39; Lk 12:11-12)
  - Our identity: Crucified in Christ; our trials are His *maturing* us {Hagiazo Process}  
(Ro 8:26-30; Ga 2:20; He 5:11-14)

## SARDIS: FEW WHO ARE ALIVE – 3) CHRIST CONFESSES US **ALWAYS**

- In our weakness we may be *ashamed* of Christ, but He never is ashamed to confess {identity with} us as His own (Mt 26:30-35; Ro 1:16; Ph 1:19-21)
  - If we *never* confess Christ to Lost, He cannot confess us to Father (Mk 8:37-38)
  - Christ confesses, identifies with, Saved to Father and Angels so all **know** who is saved; may safely pass the gaze of the Seraphim: Guardians of His holiness {*Mercy Seat*} (Ex 25:17-22; Mt 10:32-33; Lk 12:8-9; He 2:5-18; 9:1-5)
- Church of Sardis not ashamed to follow the World; except for the faithful few
  - Everyone encounters this *fork in the road*; in their strength: Failure – Sin
  - Believers, in Christ's-Spirit's strength: Success, at great cost now but not compared to eternity in New Jerusalem – *Can You hear the Spirit Speaking?* (He 11:32-40; 13:9-14)