

Wednesday Bible Study – July 16, 2014
"The Believer's Unlimited Resources" – (Revelation 3:4)

The Seven Churches of Asia Minor:

EPHESUS	Revelation 2:1-7
SMYRNA	Revelation 2:8-11
PERGAMUM	Revelation 2:12-17
THYATIRA	Revelation 2:18-29
SARDIS	Revelation 3:1-6
PHILADELPHIA	Revelation 3:7-13
LAODICEA	Revelation 3:14-22

Read Revelation 3:1-6

Look at verse 4: *"But you have a few names in Sardis which did not defile their garments; and they shall walk with me in white because they are worthy."*

The exceptions in Sardis have lived their lives properly and were accepting God's Plan for their lives. Our Lord commends these few people: He declares them *worthy* – and this is all because of God's Grace.

What made these folks qualified and ready for such a commendation? They had reached the *echo zone*, the area of Christian advance where they are virtually "locked in" to God's Plan. They now have a *spiritual house of the soul*.

Spiritual House of the Soul:

Floor 1 – Salvation (SOTERIOS)

Floor 2 – Filling of the Holy Spirit (Ephesians 5:18)

Floor 3 – Full Knowledge (EPIGNOSIS)

Floor 4 – Humility (PROS)

Floor 5 – RMA Love (AGAPE)

Floor 6 – Rapport (PHILOS)

Floor 7 – Joy (CHARA) – Echo Zone Status

Echo Zone (EZ) – UNLIMITED RESOURCES

1. The only way believers will ever be able to receive EZ blessings in this life is to attain Echo Zone status.
2. This requires the Thinking of the LJC on a daily basis (Philippians 2:5 – *"Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus"*) (THRONEO – Let this *thinking* be in you. The PAImp. 2nd p.pl. of THRONEO; The verb means that this is a command. *We are to have His thinking*).
3. There must be self-discipline, academic sharpness, determination, desire and consistency.
4. The number ONE priority in the believer's life is Truth. Intensify intake – accelerate persistence.
5. Momentum begins when perception and application is launched in the believer's life.

6. Mountain peak blessings have been designed by our Heavenly Father for those who are on a continual upward spiritual advance.
 - 1) FHS by restoration (I John 1:9 – *“If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us the sins and He may cleanse us from all unrighteousness”* – The subjunctive mood means maybe we will confess, maybe we will not)
 - 2) Acceptance of the inspired Word of God (II Timothy 3:16 – *“Every scripture is God-breathed and is profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness.”*)
 - 3) Appreciation of the disseminator of Biblical concepts (Hebrews 13:7, 17), a *guardian* of our souls.
 - 4) Logistical provisions (Philippians 4:19 – Food, shelter, transportation, etc.).
7. When a person is occupied with Christ, saturated with the Word of God, the spiritual food residing in the soul sets up capacity for EZ blessings.
8. EZ blessings cannot be enjoyed apart from occupation with Christ.
9. There are many blessings designed by God for the advanced believer in time: spiritual blessings, inner peace, contentment, happiness, capacity for life and love, promotion, success, prosperity and dying Grace.
10. Residual Truth in the soul provides a frame of reference in the heart (mentality of the soul) to enjoy these things. The world has never been able to provide that frame of reference.
11. The Lord Jesus Christ is glorified when believers are blessed.
12. This principle fulfills the X+Y+Z concept (positional, experiential, and ultimate sanctification GLORIFIES GOD – Romans 8:28 – *“For we know that all things work together for good to those who love God **and to those who are called according to His purpose**”*).

ROMANS 8:28 (The XYZ Radical)

X = (Human Life + Adam's Original Sin) = Potential1; (Potential1 + Gospel) = **Hope1**

Y = (Judicial Imputation1 + Judicial Imputation2) = Potential2;
(Potential2 + Spiritual Food) = **Hope2**

Z = (Eternal Life + Blessings in Time) = Potential3;
(Potential3 + Eschatological Truth / Undeserved Suffering) = **Hope3**

X + Y + Z = Hope1 + Hope2 + Hope3 = **GOD'S GLORY**

Look again at Revelation 3:4 – *“But you have a few names in Sardis which did not defile their garments; and they shall walk with me in white because they are worthy.”*

We as saved people *will not be blotted out* of the Book of Life.