

# ABIDING TRUTH MINISTRIES

**STUDY TO SHOW YOURSELF APPROVED UNTO GOD...**





# REVELATION

CHAPTER THREE

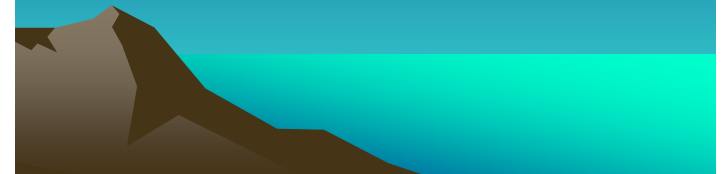
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\*\*\* About 30 miles south of Thyatira \*\*\* Thought to be impregnable

\*\*\* Coins were first minted here \*\*\*

\*\*\* Noted for its great wealth, especially the carpet industry



**V#1** – And unto the angel of the church in **Sardis** write, These things saith he that hath the seven Spirits of God, and the seven stars; I know thy works, that thou hast a name that thou livest, and art dead.

**Sardis** – *Gk. {Sardeis}*; red ones.

**Livest** – *Gk. {zao}*; to enjoy real life; active, blessed.

**Dead** – *Gk. {nekros}*; one that has breathed his last, lifeless

**V#2** – Be **watchful**, and **strengthen** the things which remain, that are ready to die: for I have not found thy works perfect before God.

**Watchful** – *Gk. {gregoreuo}*; to keep awake, be vigilant. To take heed lest through remission some destructive calamity suddenly overtake one



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**Strengthen** – *Gk. {sterizo}*; to set fast, stablish, to confirm, to make stable, to render constant

**Die** – *Gk. {apothnesko}*; to perish by means of something

**V#3** – Remember therefore how thou hast received and heard, and hold fast, and repent. If therefore thou shalt not watch, I will come on thee as a thief, and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee.

**Received** – *Gk. {lambano}*; to take in order to carry away

**Heard** – *Gk. {akouo}*; to attend to, to comprehend.



**V#4** – Thou hast a few names in Sardis which have not defiled their garments; and they shall walk with me in white: for they are worthy.

**V#5** – He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels.

**V#6** – He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.



**Huldrych Zwingli** (1484-1531) was a leader of the Reformation in Switzerland. Born during a time of emerging Swiss patriotism and increasing criticism of the Swiss mercenary system, he attended the University of Vienna and the University of Basel, a scholarly centre of Renaissance humanism. He continued his studies while he served as a pastor in Glarus and later in Einsiedeln, where he was influenced by the writings of Erasmus.

In 1518, Zwingli became the pastor of the Grossmünster in Zurich where he began to preach ideas on reforming the Catholic Church



**John Calvin** (1509-1564) was an influential French theologian and pastor during the Protestant Reformation. He was a principal figure in the development of the system of Christian theology later called Calvinism. Originally trained as a humanist lawyer, he broke from the Roman Catholic Church around 1530. After religious tensions provoked a violent uprising against Protestants in France, Calvin fled to Geneva, Switzerland, where he published the first edition of his seminal work Institutes of the Christian Religion in 1536.

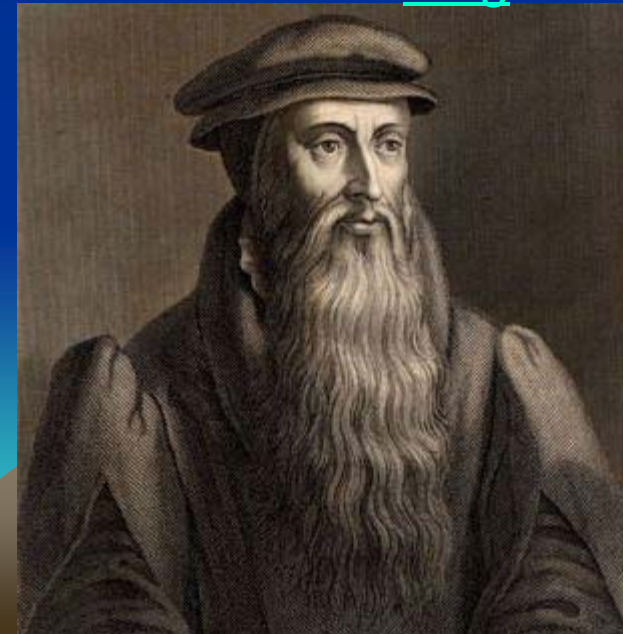
**His five points of doctrine**

1. Total depravity of man
2. Unconditional election of man by God
3. Christ died only for believers
4. Irresistible grace
5. Eternal Security





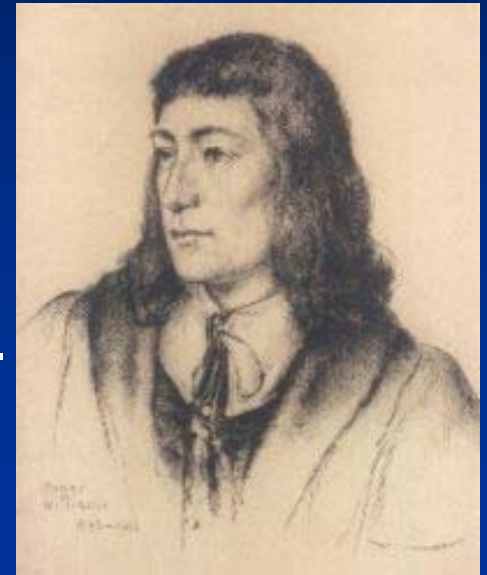
**John Knox** (1514-1572) He single-handedly swept Romanism out of Scotland. was a Scottish clergyman and writer who was a leader of the Protestant Reformation and is considered the founder of the Presbyterian denomination in Scotland. He is believed to have been educated at the University of St Andrews and worked as a notary-priest. Influenced by early church reformers such as George Wishart, he joined the movement to reform the Scottish church. He was caught up in the ecclesiastical and political events that involved the murder of Cardinal Beaton in 1546 and the intervention of the regent of Scotland Mary of Guise. He was taken prisoner by French forces the following year and exiled to England on his release in 1549. While in exile, Knox was licensed to work in the Church of England, where he rose in the ranks to serve King Edward VI of England as a royal chaplain.



**Roger Williams** 1603 – (between January and March 1683) was an English Protestant theologian who was an early proponent of religious freedom and the separation of church and state. In 1636, he began the colony of Providence Plantation, which provided a refuge for religious minorities.

Williams started the first Baptist church in America, the First Baptist Church of Providence. He was a student of Native American languages and an advocate for fair dealings with Native Americans.

Williams was arguably the first abolitionist in North America, having organized the first attempt to prohibit slavery in any of the original **thirteen colonies**.





*"Unless I am convinced  
by proofs from Scriptures  
or by plain and clear  
reasons and arguments,  
I can and will not retract,  
for it is neither safe nor  
wise to do anything against  
conscience. Here I stand.  
I can do no other. God  
help me. Amen!"*

*Martin Luther  
(1483-1547)*

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- 6. PHILADELPHIA “Brotherly Love” 1700-1900AD The Revival Church**

\*\*\* About 30 miles southeast of Sardis

\*\*\* Built as a center of Greek culture about 200BC

\*\*\* Celebrated for it’s excellent wine

\*\*\* Destroyed by an earthquake about AD 17 but soon rebuilt by Tiberius Caesar



**V#7** – And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write; These things saith he that is holy, he that is true, he that hath the key of David, he that openeth, and no man shutteth; and shutteth, and no man openeth;

**V#8** – I know thy works: behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it: for thou hast a little strength, and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name.

**V#9** – Behold, I will make them of the synagogue of Satan, which say they are Jews, and are not, but do lie; behold, I will make them to come and worship before thy feet, and to know that I have loved thee.

**V#10** – Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth.

**V#11** – Behold, I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown.

**V#12** – Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out: and I write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, which is new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God: and I will write upon him my new name.

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