



THE END

A STUDY OF REVELATION

Rev. 3:1-6

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

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Rev. 1:19 Write the things which thou hast seen, and the things which are, and the things which shall be hereafter;

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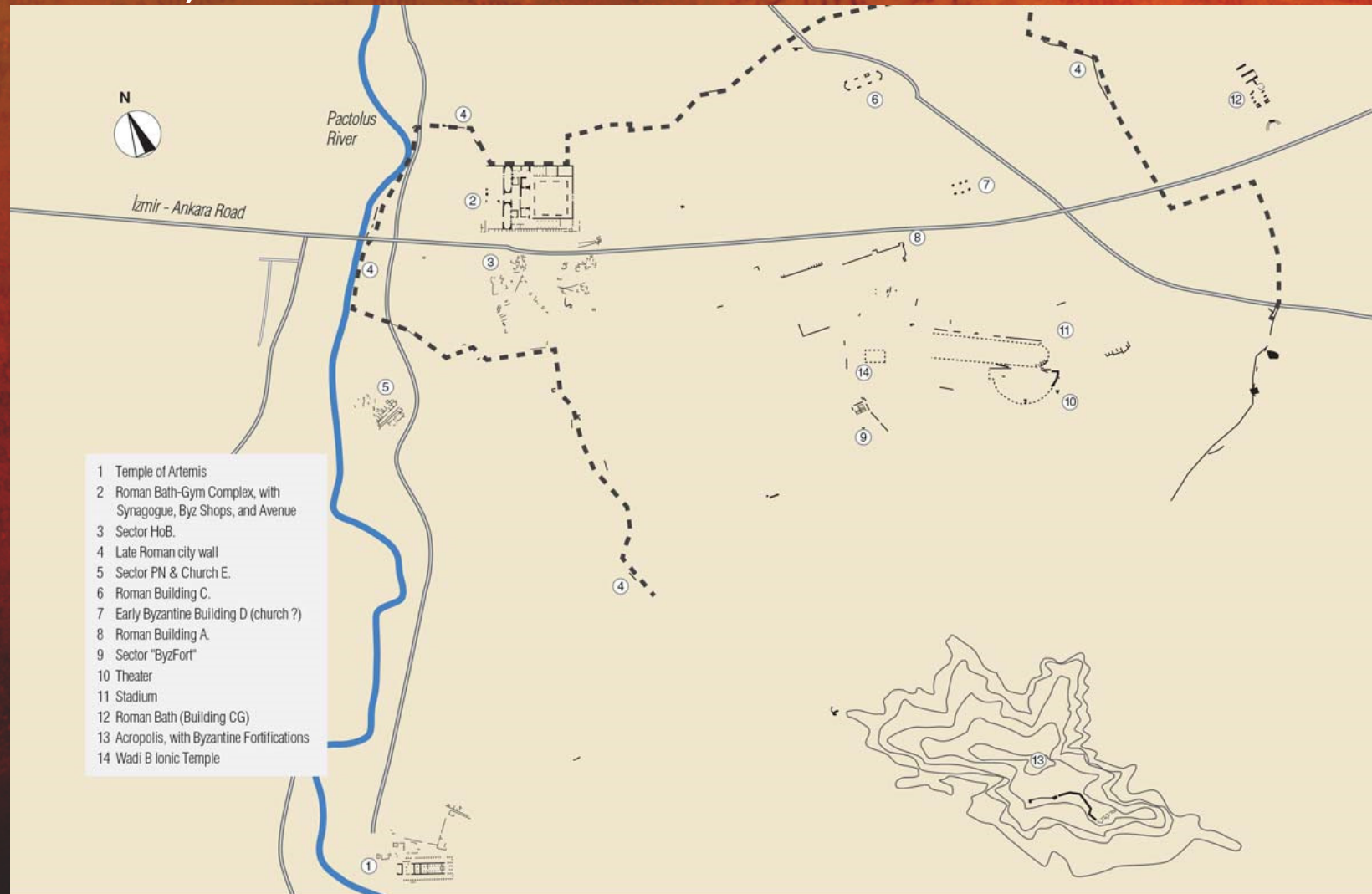
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Σάρδεις = “Red Ones” = age of martyrdom and bloodshed – the time of the Spanish Inquisition, the murdering of the Huguenots, St. Bartholomew Massacre = the Dark Ages.

During this period in history is John Wycliffe, John Huss, Savonarola, Peter Waldo and others.



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Sardis

Ancient Altar
to Artemis

4th Century
Church

Temple of
Artemis

Seven Spirits

Zech. 4:6 Then he answered and spake unto me, saying, This *is* the word of the LORD unto Zerubbabel, saying, Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the LORD of hosts.

Isa.11:2 And the spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD;

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2. the spirit of wisdom and
3. understanding,
4. the spirit of counsel and
5. might,
6. the spirit of knowledge and of
7. the fear of the LORD;

2. The Church is Found Wanting by the Lord, 3:1b-2

Rev. 3:1 “...I know thy works, that thou hast a name that thou livest, and art dead.

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

Original Word: οἶδα

Transliteration: eidó

Definition: I know, remember, appreciate.

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Original Word: ἔργον

Transliteration: ergon

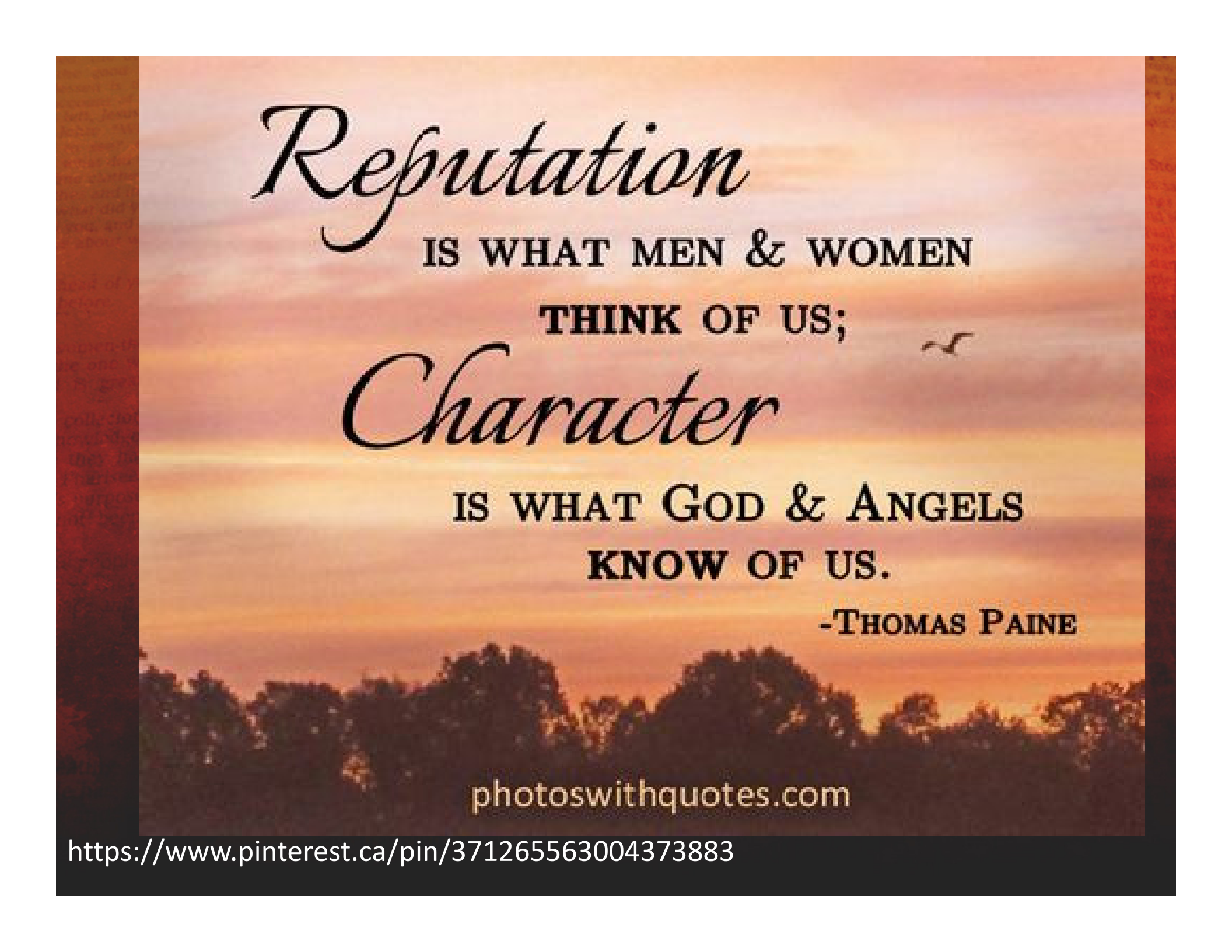
Definition: **work**, task, employment; a deed, action; that which is wrought or made, a work.

érgon (from *ergō*, "to work, accomplish") – a *work* or *worker* who accomplishes something. *érgon* ("work") is a deed (action) that carries out (completes) an *inner desire* (intension, purpose).

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2 Tim. 3:5 Having a **form of godliness**, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.

The all-knowing and all-seeing Savior has a very low opinion of superficial Christianity!



Reputation

IS WHAT MEN & WOMEN

THINK OF US;

Character

IS WHAT GOD & ANGELS

KNOW OF US.

-THOMAS PAINE

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Original Word: γρηγορέω

Transliteration: grégoreó

Definition: (a) I am awake (in the night), watch, (b) I am watchful, on the alert, vigilant.

grēgoreúō – literally, "stay awake"; (figuratively) be *vigilant*(*responsible, watchful*). <https://biblehub.com/greek/1127.htm>

Original Word: στηρίζω

Transliteration: stérizó

Definition: (a) I fix firmly, direct myself towards, (b) generally met: I buttress, prop, support; I strengthen, establish.

stērízō (from *stēringks*, "a support that fixes, plants down"; akin to *hístēmi*, "to stand," having a duplication of the primitive Gk root/*sta*, "to make stand") – properly, set fast (fix); give *support to secure* (firmly establish); solidly plant (which eliminates vacillation).

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Original Word: λοιπός

Transliteration: loiros

Definition: left, left behind, the remainder, the rest, the others.

<https://biblehub.com/greek/3062.htm>

Original Word: πληρώω

Transliteration: pléroó

Definition: I fill, fulfill, complete.

plēróō (from *plērēs*, "be full," see *pléthō*) – properly, *fill to individual capacity*, i.e. to the extent it is "meet" (appropriate)

<https://biblehub.com/greek/4137.htm>

Original Word: ἐνώπιον

Transliteration: enópios

Definition: before the face of, in the presence of, in the eyes of.

enṓpion – literally, "in the eye (of God)," used for how *all things* happen *under God's watch*, i.e. in keeping with His plan built on His *absolute knowledge*.

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Luke 1:15 For **he shall be great in the sight of the Lord**, and shall drink neither wine nor strong drink; and he shall be filled with the Holy Ghost, even from his mother's womb.

1 Pet. 3:4 But **let it be the hidden man of the heart**, in that which is not corruptible, *even the ornament* of a meek and quiet spirit, **which is in the sight of God of great price.**

Rev. 3:2a Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain...

Stay Alert

Strengthen what Abides

B. The Needed Reformation in This Church, 3:3-6

1. The Call for a Remembrance by This Church, 3:3

Rev. 3:3 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.

Rev. 3:3a Remember therefore how thou hast received and heard, and hold fast, and repent

Remember

Retain

Repent

Eph. 4:30 And **grieve not the holy Spirit of God**, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.

1 Thess. 5:19 **Quench not the Spirit.**

- The Holy Spirit is grieved when we ***disrespect His person.***
- The Holy Spirit is grieved when we ***disregard His presence.***
- The Holy Spirit is grieved when we ***deny His power.***

Original Word: τηρέω

Transliteration: téreó

Definition: I keep, guard, observe, watch over.

tēréō (from *tēros*, "a guard") – properly, maintain (preserve);
(figuratively) *spiritually guard* (watch), *keep intact*.

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2. The Call to a Remnant in This Church, 3:4-6

Rev. 3:4 **Thou hast a few names even in Sardis which have not defiled their garments; and they shall walk with me in white: for they are worthy.**

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.

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

Original Word: μολύνω

Transliteration: molunó

Definition: I soil, stain, pollute, defile, lit. and met.

molýnō – properly, to soil, make mucky (dirty); (figuratively) defile; (passive) become spiritually besmirched (soiled).

molýnō (literally "besmear with mud") is used of sin smearing a person with its spiritual *filth*.

[*molýnō* used of "moral soil (smut)" that defouls and besmirches the soul (so also in Aristotle and Plato).] <https://biblehub.com/greek/3435.htm>

Rev 3:18 I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; **and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear;** and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see.

Rev 16:15 Behold, I come as a thief. **Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments**, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame.

Ex. 32:32 Yet now, if thou wilt forgive their sin--; and if not, blot me, I pray thee, out of **thy book** which thou hast written.

33 And the LORD said unto Moses, **Whosoever hath sinned against me, him will I blot out of my book.**

Psa. 69:28 Let them be blotted out of **the book of the living**, and not be written with the righteous.

Phil. 4:3 And I intreat thee also, true yokefellow, help those women which laboured with me in the gospel, with Clement also, and *with* other my fellowlabourers, **whose names are in the book of life.**

Mt. 10:32 Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, **him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven.**

Luke 12:8 Also I say unto you, Whosoever shall confess me before men, him shall the Son of man also **confess before the angels of God:**

Rev. 13:8 And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in **the book of life** of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.

Rev. 20:15 And whosoever was not found written in **the book of life** was cast into the lake of fire.

Summary

1. Avoid Complacency
2. Awake and be Watchful
3. Allow the Holy Spirit to Work
4. Appoint Godly and Spiritual Leaders
5. Apply the Recovery Process = Trust and Obey

Conclusion

Eph. 6:18 **Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto** with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;

Mt. 26:41 **Watch and pray**, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed *is* willing, but the flesh *is* weak.

Mark 13:33 Take ye heed, **watch and pray**: for **ye know not when the time is**.

Luke 21:36 **Watch ye therefore, and pray always**, that ye may **be accounted worthy** to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and **to stand before the Son of man**.