### Can You Lose Your Salvation? Rev 3:5-6

Call to the Word

Rev 3:1-6



And to the angel of the church in Sardis write, 'These things says He who has the seven Spirits of God and the seven stars: "I know your works, that you have a name that you are alive, but you are dead. Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die, for I have not found your works perfect before God.

#### Call to the Word - Rev 3:1-6

Remember therefore how you have received and heard; hold fast and repent. Therefore, if you will not watch, I will come upon you as a thief, and you will not know what hour I will come upon you. You have a few names even in Sardis who have not defiled their garments; and they shall walk with Me in white, for they are worthy.

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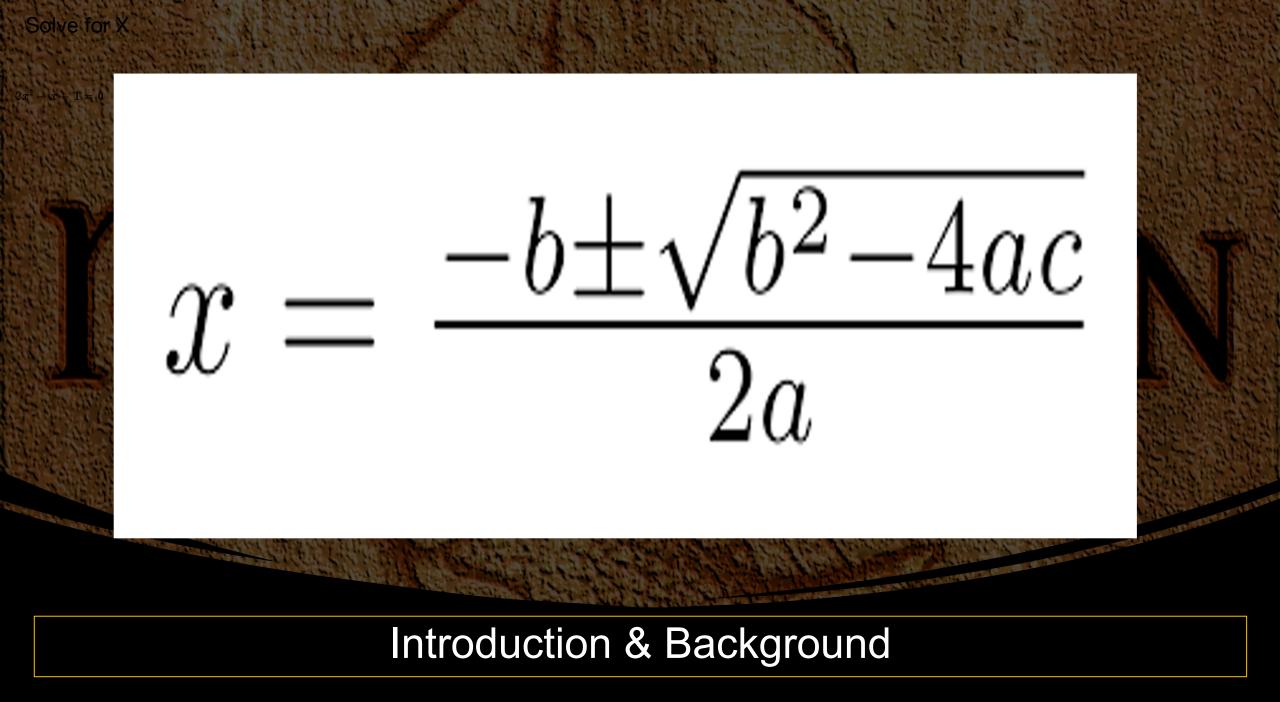
He who overcomes shall be clothed in white garments, and I will not blot out his name from the Book of Life; but I will confess his name before My Father and before His angels. "He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches."

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# Introduction & background





There is no mere doctrine of "the security" of the believer, as though God's keeping of us took place irrespective of the lives we live. Indeed, there is no such thing in the New Testament as a believer whose perseverance is so guaranteed that he afford to ignore the warning notes which are sounded." (Ferguson)

#### Introduction & Background

"...many Christians lack full assurance of their salvation because their understanding of assurance is founded on the constantly changing emotions of their hearts rather than on the eternal Word of God." (Parsons)

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# "He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches."

## Metaphorically an ear enabled to hear and comprehend spiritual truth

1Cor 2:14

**Rev 3:6** 

## He who overcomes...

## "Nikao" – "Nike"

victory

**Rev 3:5** 

## **Our Enemies to Overcome**

Eph 6:12 1Jn 2:16 1Jn 5:4-5

**Rev 3:5** 

## **Our Weapons**

2Co 10:4-5 2Pe 1:3-4 Eph 6:13-18 Rev 12:11

**Rev 3:5** 

## The Christian is to take his place in society with moral courage to stand up for that which is right, just, and honorable. (Graham)

# He who overcomes shall be clothed in white garments...

## white garments are a symbol of redemption Rev 7:13-14

#### Imputed Righteousness

To lay the responsibility of wrongdoing on an innocent person while giving credit for righteousness to the one truly responsible for wrongdoing.

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For He made Him who knew no sin *to be* sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him

2Co 5:21

**Rev 3:5** 

#### Promise

## and I will not blot out his name from the Book of

Life



## Having your name in the Book of Life keeps you safe Rev 13:8

Rev 17:8

#### Promise

## I will confess his name before My Father and before His angels

Mat 10:32

**Rev 3:5** 

"Coming immediately after the promise of not erasing the overcomer's name from the book of life, this promise implies that on that future day of reckoning the judge will acknowledge the names written in the book as those who belong to Him."

## Rev 3:5 is a promise, not a threat.



### Don't be Cavalier – Don't Be Careless

Press on to make salvation your own because Christ has pressed on to make you His own.



### Living Carelessly?

1Co 6:9-11 Gal 5:19-21 Eph 5:3-5



## Living Fearfully?

Jn 10:27-30 Rom 8:38-39 2Ti 1:12 Rev 3:5



The point is that we've always been held up by the grace of God, our Father, and that does not change. God is never out of his depth, and he has a firm hold on us... therefore we're safe.



"...being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ."





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