



## Outline - Sunday, July 13, 2014

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**Sermon Title:** The Church at Sardis: Living on Reputation

**Scripture Reading:** Rev 3:1-3

**1. The unacceptable work of mere reputation: Rev 3:1**

- a. The past is the past – learn from it, don't live by it—
- b. The past is often *glorified* and *distorted*—(*Eccl 7:10*)
- c. Communion with God is never a past tense matter—(*Mt 22:32/Ex 3:14/Heb 11:6*)
- d. Dead things are the consequence of sin—(*1 Tim 5:6, 11-15*)

**2. The importance of *maturing* works: Rev 3:2**

- a. Wake up/(Be on the alert): Strengthen— (*Luke 22:32*)
- b. Fulfilling the call—(*2 Cor 10:6/Mt 3:15/James 2:22*)
- c. Spiritual growth is an evidence of life—(*John 15:1-80*)
- d. Getting the gospel right in word and deed—(*Col 1:4-5, 6-10*)

**3. The *gospel's impact* on truly good works: Rev 3:3a**

- a. Effectual reception of the truth—(*John 1:12/ Rom 6:17/Col 2:6*)
- b. The motivation for living *personally*—(*1 Tim 4:12-16*)
- c. The motivation for serving *collectively*—(*2 Tim 4:3-5/Eccl 4:9-12*)

**4. The removal of what you have: Rev 3:3b**

- a. The take away principle—(*Luke 8:18*)
- b. The loss of *zeal* for the gospel—(*Gal 5:5-7*)
- c. The loss of *clarity* in the gospel—(*1 Thess 1:8-10/1 Cor 14:8-9*)
- d. The loss of *the gospel and true believers*—(*1 Cor 3:11-15*)