CCCN Bible Study End Times Notes – Pastor John Stackhouse

<u>Revelation 3</u> - Letter to the church in Sardis

3:1-4 - Sardis was about thirty miles south of Thyatira. Its location commanded the trade of the Aegean Islands and the military road through the important Hermus River valley.

Seven Letters to Seven Churches
to
Sardis:
Commendation: Some remain worthy
Rebuke: Deeds are unfinished
Action: Wake up; Repent

3:2-3 – The church is told to "Wake up! Strengthen what remains and is about to die, for I have found your deeds unfinished in the sight of my God". They are told to hold fast and repent, otherwise Jesus will come when they aren't expecting it.

3:5 – A key point the commentary brings up is that a person enrolled in the book of life by faith remains in it by faithfulness, which can only be erased by disloyalty. Christ offers the church an eternal, safe citizenship in His everlasting kingdom if they only remain loyal to Him. This is another passage that seems to stand against eternal security.