



## Outline - Sunday, August 31, 2014

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**Sermon Title:** The Church at Sardis: True Believers Never Blotted Out

**Scripture Reading:** Ex 32:19-35/Rev 3:6-7

1. **This ominous analogy of expulsion from citizenship in the kingdom of God:**
  - a. Its thoroughly biblical and referenced several times: Ps 56:8; 87:6; 139:16; Luke 10:20
  - b. Apostates are removed: Ps 69:28; 109:13/Ezek 13:9
  - c. It is wholly consistent with both the character of an holy God who will not have sin in his presence: Mt 13:41-42—"cast out" language—Mt 22:11-14
  - d. Sin will blot you out of His book – all sin: Ex 32:33/Rom 6:23
  - e. The great sin in view is abandonment of the gospel: Ex 33:23-25/Rev 21:8, 27
  - f. Christ is the only remedy for this and every other sin: Heb 1:3; 9:15/1 John 3:3
  
2. **The Recognition of those who Remain: vs 4**
  - a. A few *undefiled* garments: Jude 1:20-23/James 1:19
  - b. The believer's witness: Job 12:5
  - c. The method of garment cleansing: Rev 7:14/1 John 1:9/2 Cor 7:1
  - d. The motive for clean garments? Eph 5:25-27/Rev 19:7/1 John 3:3
  
3. **The Reward of Grace Promised: vs 5-6 "Overcomers"**
  - a. Will be Clothed in white raiment – "future tense" F.I.M.  
*Promised*—2 Cor 5:21  
*Given*—Rev 6:11  
*Displayed*—Rev 19:8  
*The Walk*
  - b. A permanent name in glory: book of life – leger of citizenship: Phil 3:20/Rev 13:8; 17:8/Dan 12:1
  - c. Not blotted out [The ultimate loss]: Ex 32:32-33
  - d. Christ died for the sins of His people – "He was blotted out" The ultimate curse: Isa 53:8
  - e. My name is permanently inscribed in the book by His blood – (Lamb's book): Rev 20:12