



Weekly Devotional

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Walking In White

“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” (Rev. 3:4).

The white cliffs of Dover form part of the British coastline facing both the Strait of Dover and the country of France. Part of the North Downs formation, the cliff face, which reaches the height of 106 metres, owes its brilliant appearance to its composition of chalk infiltrated with streaks of black flint. The cliffs spread east and west from the town of Dover in the county of Kent, an old but still important English port.

The cliffs have great representative value for Britain because they face towards Continental Europe across the narrowest part of the English Channel, a scene in which the cliffs often became a guard against threatening invasions. Also, since crossing at Dover was the basic route to the continent before the time of air travel, the white cliffs afforded travelers their first sight of the United Kingdom.

Tours are available for travelers to walk near the white cliffs of Dover. On a sunny day, the tourist can see France very easily. Beautiful to say the least, the white cliffs are covered with greens and yellows dropping steeply into the turquoise sea. From the cliffs to the lighthouse and back is a four-mile trip. All tourists admit that walking the white cliffs of Dover is a special experience. But, the Bible informs us that walking in white is also quite a spiritual experience.

Walking in white corresponds with a life of purity! The pure ones were not many in number. In fact, Jesus said that there were only a “few” in Sardis who had not “defiled their garments.” Through divine enablement, this handful of people had walked in divine light. And, Jesus saw them and commended them for their purity. Since garments often speak of testimony in the Scriptures, these believers had a becoming testimony in an unbecoming world.

Walking in white connects to a life of progress! “They shall,” the Lord Jesus promised, “walk with Me in white.” Not only have they kept their lives undefiled by the world, but they will continue to walk in an undefiled fellowship. Again, we are reminded of the privilege of walking with Jesus, and we are also reminded that the only true progress of one’s life is by moving along the pilgrim pathway with Him.

Walking in white computes for a life of praiseworthiness! “They are worthy.” This is not the opinion of these particular believers about themselves. Neither are these the comments of other believers about these saints. Rather, this is the true evaluation of the Lord Jesus Himself. If He says one is worthy, then we can believe that he or she is worthy. In this day of impure, stagnant, and unworthy religion, may we be numbered with those who “walk in white.”