

Main Scripture: Revelation 3:1-6

“And to the angel of the church in Sardis write: ‘The words of him who has the seven spirits of God and the seven stars.

“‘I know your works. You have the reputation of being alive, but you are dead. 2 Wake up, and strengthen what remains and is about to die, for I have not found your works complete in the sight of my God. 3 Remember, then, what you received and heard. Keep it, and repent. If you will not wake up, I will come like a thief, and you will not know at what hour I will come against you. 4 Yet you have still a few names in Sardis, people who have not soiled their garments, and they will walk with me in white, for they are worthy. 5 The one who conquers will be clothed thus in white garments, and I will never blot his name out of the book of life. I will confess his name before my Father and before his angels. 6 He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.’

Scripture References:

Luke 12:35-40 – “Stay dressed for action and keep your lamps burning, 36 and be like men who are waiting for their master to come home from the wedding feast, so that they may open the door to him at once when he comes and knocks. 37 Blessed are those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. Truly, I say to you, he will dress himself for service and have them recline at table, and he will come and serve them. 38 If he comes in the second watch, or in the third, and finds them awake, blessed are those servants! 39 But know this, that if the master of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have left his house to be broken into. 40 You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”

Revelation 7:13-14 – Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?” 14 I said to him, “Sir, you know.” And he said to me, “These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

I John 3:1-3 – See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. 2 Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. 3 And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

Titus 3:4-6 – But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, 5 he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, 6 whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior,

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Seven Messages #6 – Revelation 3:1-6 – Sardis: Mostly Dead

*Questions: What does it mean if a church congregation is spiritually dead?
How long can such a church keep going as an organization?*

Revelation 3:1-6 – “Sardis was a city of the _____ which had no _____ before it.”

The patron goddess of Sardis was _____ whose priests would be...

3:1 The “Seven-Spirits” is the _____ Holy Spirit that is present wherever...

The Seven Stars represent the messengers of the church who are charged with:
Comforting the _____: And Afflicting the _____:

3:2 How would an outside observer perceived the church in Sardis?

What 3 things are needed to bring life back to this church?

3:3 The New Testament employs the image of the Thief to teach the...
And for the church to be...

3:4 There are still some at Sardis who are...

3:5-6 Clothed in white signifies _____. This means two things for believers:

We anticipate the day when Christ _____ us as His before God.

Big Picture: *What brings a church to being Mostly Dead?*

Three False Focal Points: One: Focus on _____ and _____

Two: Prioritizing Church _____ Techniques Three: An _____ Focus

Application: *How does a church stay awake and alert?*

Rooted in...

Renewed by...

Recharged by...