

SARDIS: THE CHURCH THAT WAS DEAD & DYING **(Revelation 3:1-6)**

I. The THINGS Which You HAVE SEEN (Revelation 1)

II. The THINGS Which ARE (Revelation 2-3)

- A. Ephesus: The Church That Left Its First Love (2:1-7)
- B. Smyrna: The _____ Church (2:8-11)
- C. Pergamos: The Church _____ with the world (2:12-17)
- D. Thyatira: The Church that Tolerated _____ (2:18-29)
- E. Sardis: The Church that was _____ & _____ (3:1-6)

1. The **Church** ... "and to the angel of the _____ at Sardis write" (3:1a)

* Where is this church & what is its significance?

2. The **Critic** is ... _____ "Write these things says he who has the seven Spirits of God..." (3:1b)

* What is the "seven Spirits of God" in reference to?

* How else is Jesus Christ *described* here?

3. The **Commendations** of this church: _____ !

4. The **Criticism**...

a. "you have a name that are alive, but you are _____" (3:1c)

* How should this be understood?

b. "I have not found your works _____ before God" (3:2c)

* "perfect" means:

* A church is danger of dying when...

* **Point to remember:** The spiritual condition of every believer & local church is fully _____ to the omniscient Christ & no one is exempt from becoming a Sardis-like & sliding into a _____ existence to God & His will!

5. The **Commands** needed for **Correction** were for the saints to...

- a. _____ spiritually...."Be _____"
- b. _____ there...." _____ the things that remain"

* How?

- 1) By Giving them the _____
- 2) Through _____ with other spiritually minded Christians
- 3) Through _____ prayer for others

c. Remember _____..."remember therefore how you have received & heard!"

d. _____ the _____... " _____ to it!"

e. Have a decisive _____ of mind... " _____ of your deadness"!

6. The **Consequence** they needed to avoid....

* Christ would come upon them as a _____, indicating that He would come when they _____ Him

7. The **Commendation** concerning the *remnant* there (3:4)

- a. Christ *commends* a few at Sardis for not _____ their garments, which speaks of their ongoing practical _____ in their Christian life!
- b. Christ promises them special _____ in eternity... "they shall walk with Me in _____"

8. The **Concluding Encouragements** to consider: (3:5-6)

- a. These promises are made to the _____, meaning to the _____ in Christ (1 John 5:4-5)
- b. Three promises that are _____ to the believer in Christ:
- c. His closing comment (3:6)... "He who has an ear, let him _____ what the Spirit is saying to the churches"

* What does this mean to you?