

# WAKE UP!

(The Church of Sardis)

Revelation 3:1-6

Sardis (Background)

## The COMMENDATION

9. There are a **FEW** who are **TRUE**. (*Matthew 7:13-14, 21-23; 1 Peter 5:8; Matthew 22:14; John 6:44*)

## The CENSURE

1. What is on the **INSIDE** doesn't match what you're 'known for' on the **OUTSIDE**. (*Matthew 5:8, 15:7-8, 23:27-28; 1 Samuel 16:7; Luke 12:2, 16:15; Jeremiah 17:9,10; Proverbs 21:2; Hebrews 4:12; Mark 7:6; 1 Timothy 5:6*)

2. Beware of over**CONFIDENCE** and over**ZEALOUSNESS**. (*1 Corinthians 10:12; Proverbs 16:18, 19:2; Psalm 139; Galatians 6:3; Matthew 26:33-34*)

## The CHALLENGE

3. **WAKE UP** from your spiritual slumber and get **INTENTIONAL** about becoming spiritually stronger. (*Exodus 16:19-21; Ephesians 5:14; Romans 13:11; Proverbs 6:9; 2 Peter 1:5-9; 2 Peter 3:18; Hebrews 5:12-14, 6:1; Luke 8:15; 1 Peter 2:2-3; Colossians 2:6-7*)

4. **REMEMBER** and **REHEARSE** the facts about who you are, Who Christ is, and what you have (available) in Him. (*2 Timothy 1:6; Romans 8:17; Deuteronomy 32:4; Joshua 21:45; 1 Corinthians 15:2*)

5. **KEEP** and **OBEY** what you know! (*Matthew 7:24-27; James 1:22-25; Deuteronomy 11:1; John 14:15, 15:14; 2 Corinthians 10:5; 2 John 1:6; Luke 11:28*)

## The CONSEQUENCE

6. For the one who slumbers, Jesus will **SNEAK UP** on you...and the outcome will not be good. (*Matthew 24:44, 25:1-13; Luke 12:40; Philippians 3:20, 4:5; Romans 8:19; James 5:8; Titus 2:13; 1 Thessalonians 5:6*)

7. The overcomer will be clothed in white and live **FOREVER** in the presence of the Lord. (*Jude 23; Revelation 4:4, 6:11, 7:9,13,14, 19:14; Exodus 32:32,33; Psalm 69:28; Revelation 20:15, 22:19; Luke 10:20*)

8. Jesus will in no way be ashamed to **CONFESS** the name of the overcomer, just as we have confessed Him. (*Matthew 10:33; Hebrews 7:25; Romans 8:31,34; Psalm 56:9*)



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## ***Taking it further to help you THRIVE...***

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1. Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?
2. Jesus said that the Church in Sardis was dead. What makes a church 'dead'?
3. In contrast to #2, what makes a church 'alive'? (Keep in mind that the church in Sardis looked alive! What warning should we heed and lesson can we learn from this?) How are we to remain spiritually alive and vibrant? What's the danger in using the wrong metrics in the church (and in our personal lives) to measure health and growth?
4. Historically, King Croesus and the people of Sardis thought their citadel was impenetrable. But they discovered otherwise when the Persians gained entrance and overcame them. Read 1 Corinthians 10:12. What are the very real dangers of being overconfident? How have the blessings we have been given caused a degree of apathy toward spiritual health and growth?
5. Each week we have heard Jesus say, "He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches." What is the danger in 'hitting snooze' when the Holy Spirit speaks to us? In what way(s) might you have become a little lethargic and "sleepy" spiritually?