

**Series:** Doomsday Mailbag, a study in Revelation

**Sermon:** To the Church in Sardis

**Primary Text:** Revelation 3:1-6

**Discussion guide:**

- Share of a time when something in your life turned out not to be as good as you thought it was. Funny or serious. How did this make you feel?
- Read Revelation 3:1-
  - What do you know about the city of Sardis?
  - Why do you think Jesus introduces Himself the way He does in Revelation 3:1? (See Revelation 1:4, 16, 20)
  - Why do you think Jesus doesn't name any of the works He says He knows in verse 1?
- Read Revelation 3:1-2
  - What do you think Jesus means by them appearing to be alive and actually being dead? (see Matthew 23:22; Matthew 7:21-22; James 2:17)
  - What are some examples of times you or a Christian might do a work in the name of Christ but not by His leading. (See 1 Samuel 15)
  - How are Jesus' words here (and in Matthew 23 and 7 above) acts of compassion?
- Read Revelation 3:3
  - What are the three steps Jesus calls on the Sardis church to take in order to "strengthen what remains and is about to die"?
  - How are each of these a form of faithfulness?
  - What is the warning Jesus presents in the second sentence of this verse?
- Read Revelation 3:5
  - What is the significance of each of the three things promised to the one who conquers?
- This passage is not saying that obedient deeds save you but that they prove you're alive. What is the hope and good news that this passage presents?