

“Finishing Strong & Steady!”

Revelation 3:1-6

Message #6: Jesus’ Letter to Sardis

(“The Seven” Churches of Revelation message series)

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“By perseverance the snail reached the ark.” (Charles Spurgeon)

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The Ancient City of Sardis (Rev. 3:1)

How Jesus Introduced Himself (Rev. 3:1a; cf. Rev. 1:4-5; 4:5; 5:6; Zech. 4:10; Isaiah 11:2)

Jesus’ Diagnosis of the Church in Sardis (Rev. 3:1b-2)

Gk. νεκρός^a, ἄ, ὄν: pertaining to being dead—‘lifeless, dead.’

Gk. πληροφορέω^a; πληρώω: “fulfilled” or “fully completed”

Jesus’ Remedy & Challenge for Christians in Sardis (Rev. 3:2)

Gk. γρηγορέω^a: to remain awake because of the need to continue alert—‘to stay awake, to be watchful’

Gk. στηρίζω^a; ἐπιστηρίζω; στερεόω^b: to cause someone to become stronger in the sense of more firm and unchanging in attitude or belief’]

Four Calls (R’s) to Action:

1. **R** _____ (Rev. 3:2)

Gk. γρηγορέω^a: to remain awake because of the need to continue alert—‘to stay awake, to be watchful.’

2. **R** _____ (Rev. 3:3; cf. Matt. 24:43)

Gk. μετανοέω; μετάνοια, ας f: to change one’s way of life as the result of a complete change of thought and attitude with regard to sin and righteousness

3. **R** _____ (Rev. 3:3; cf. Heb. 12:1-3; Rev. 1:3)

Gk. μνημονεύω^a; μμνήσκομαι^a; μνήμη, ης f; μνεία^a, ας f: to recall or refocus on information from memory, but without necessarily the implication that persons have actually forgotten

4. **R** _____ (Rev. 3:4; cf. Matt. 24:13; Phil. 4:9; 1 Cor. 9:26-27; Gal. 6:9; Col. 2:6; 2 Tim. 4:7; Heb. 10:36; Jas. 1:22-23; Rev. 1:3)

Gk. “follow/keep”-- τηρέω^a: to cause a state to continue—‘to cause to continue, to retain, to keep.’

Gk. περιπατέω^a: to walk along or around—‘to walk, to go.’ περιπατών

Jesus’ Rewards for Christians Who Endure to the End! (Rev. 3:4-6; 7:9, 14; 13:8; 19:8; 20:15; 21:27; cf. Exod. 32:32; Ps. 69:28; Isaiah 25:6-8; Dan. 12:1; Luke 10:20; Phil. 4:3; Heb. 12:23)