

## Bible Study: Revelation 3:1–6 — The Church in Sardis

1. Opening Question: Have you ever bought something because it looked amazing online/ TV/ Website/ ect ... and then it arrived and was nothing like the picture? What happened?
2. **Read Revelation 3:1–6.**
3. According to Jesus, what is the reputation of the church in Sardis, and how does He evaluate their true spiritual condition (vv. 1–2)?
4. What specific commands does Jesus give to the church (vv. 2–3)? List them and briefly define what each means.
5. In what ways does the description “*you have the reputation of being alive, but you are dead*” reveal the core issue at Sardis? How does this contrast between appearance and reality shape the rest of the passage?
6. Jesus calls Sardis to “*remember what you received and heard.*” What does this reveal about how spiritual drift typically begins?
7. What does Jesus’ warning, “*I will come like a thief*”, communicate about the urgency of repentance and renewal?
8. The sermon described Sardis as a church “*drifting inside while looking alive outside.*” Where do you personally feel this tension between reputation and reality in your own walk with Christ?
9. Sardis went silent about their faith because of desire for social safety. What situations in your life tempt you to mute your witness or downplay your allegiance to Christ?
10. Jesus promises white garments, a secure name in the book of life, and public acknowledgment before the Father. How do these promises cultivate *Spirit-empowered courage* in you this week, and what is one practical step you can take to “strengthen what remains” in your spiritual life?