

All In with Jordan Easley

Sardis

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INTRODUCTION

As we continue our series going through the seven churches in Revelation, we arrive at the Church of Sardis. This church was once a thriving church that was very much alive. But as we read today's key passage, we see that Jesus was pronouncing the Church of Sardis dead. We can learn a lot from this portion of Scripture not only about what a dying church looks like, but what a thriving church looks like, and the message of hope Jesus has for every single church that's on the brink of death.

KEY POINTS

Symptoms of a dying church:

- A dying church spends more time looking in the rear-view mirror than they do looking through the windshield.
- A dying church is determined to keep things the same.
- A dying church is more concerned with material growth than it is with spiritual growth.
- A dying church is more concerned with pleasing people than it is with pleasing God.
- A dying church is more focused on keeping people than they are on reaching people.
- A dying church has little fruit, little joy, little love, and little community impact.

Attributes of a church that's alive:

- Unity – Are the people focused on the main thing? Are they together?
- Passion – Are people passionate when it comes to worship, serving, sharing the Gospel, going on mission, bringing people to church, and growing in their walk with the Lord?
- Love – Does the church love each other? Do they love the community, the lost, their leaders, and the Lord?
- Growth – Is the church maturing, growing, or changing?

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QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

1. Based on the statements listed above, is your local church a dying church or a thriving church?
2. Are there any attributes of a thriving church that you need to work on in your own walk with Jesus?
3. How do the three promises of Jesus listed above comfort you and give you hope?
