

THE BOOK OF REVELATION
Chapter 3:1-6

The Reformation Period of church history is represented by the church of Sardis.

Sardis: those that have escaped or those that have separated.

- Those who protested the abuses in the Catholic Church eventually separated themselves from the church.
- As a result the Catholics began referring to this group as Protestants.

Protestant: to protest.

- After the Protestants separated from the Catholic Church they began referring to themselves as the reformed church.
- The reformers became so intent on getting back to the scripture that they spent all of their time studying it without ever applying it.
- As a result, it became just head knowledge.

Jesus said, "I know thy works," (that you don't have any), and you have a name that implies you're alive, but you're really dead. (Spiritually Dead).

Be watchful: to be alert or to _____.

- The 7 Spirits of God, refers to the personality of the Holy Spirit.
- What is missing in most churches is the anointing of the Holy Spirit.
- The Word is there, but there is no anointing.
- The ones who still remained spiritually alive in the congregation were about to die.
- He tells the ministers to strengthen those that are alive.
- In other words, preach to those that will listen.

Perfect: _____ or to be filled up.

- He has found their works to be EMPTY.

vs 3 What did the reformed churches receive and hear?

- They HEARD the Word of God preached and they RECEIVED the Word of God in the form of creeds.
- Creed comes from the Latin word credo which means, _____.
- In the beginning of the Reformation Period creeds were drawn up stating what we believe.

The one great doctrine that all Protestant churches agreed on at the time of the Reformation was Ephesians 2:8. "For by grace are you saved, through faith, and that not of yourself, it is the gift of God."