

Philadelphia Church

Strengthen what Remains

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Revelation 3:1-6

“To the angel of the church in Sardis write: These are the words of him who holds the seven spirits of God and the seven stars. I know your deeds; you have a reputation of being alive, but you are dead. ² Wake up! Strengthen what remains and is about to die, for I have found your deeds unfinished in the sight of my God. ³ Remember, therefore, what you have received and heard; hold it fast, and repent. But if you do not wake up, I will come like a thief, and you will not know at what time I will come to you.

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⁴ Yet you have a few people in Sardis who have not soiled their clothes. They will walk with me, dressed in white, for they are worthy. ⁵ The one who is victorious will, like them, be dressed in white. I will never blot out the name of that person from the book of life, but will acknowledge that name before my Father and his angels. ⁶ Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches.

Revelation 3: 1-2

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Pergamum

Thyatira

Sardis

Philadelphia

Laodicea

Smyrna

Ephesus

Patmos

Definition

Complacency- a feeling of smug or uncritical satisfaction with one's self or one's achievements.

Definition

Apathy- lack of feelings, lack of Interest or concern.

Revelation 3:3

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Revelation 16:15

¹⁵ “Look, I come like a thief! Blessed is the one who stays awake and remains clothed, so as not to go naked and be shamefully exposed.”

1 Thessalonians 5:2

² for you know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night.

1 Thessalonians 5:4

⁴ But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness so that this day should surprise you like a thief.

2 Peter 3:10

¹⁰ But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything done in it will be laid bare.

5 symptoms of a church with waning strength:

1. There is more concern for rituals and traditions than spiritual condition
2. There is more concern for the numerical growth than spiritual growth
3. There is more concern for social change than people being transformed by God
4. There is more focus on pleasing man than pleasing God
5. There is more concern with public opinion than the truth of God's word

Death desires to be served

Life desires to serve

4 Traits of a church that's alive:

1. Growth
2. Unity
3. Passion
4. Action

How am I doing in:

1. My prayer life?
2. My fellowship with others?
3. My devotional life?
4. My learning?
5. My overcoming temptation?
6. My witness to others?

Luke 9:23

²³ Then he said to them all: “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me.

Revelation 3:2

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Revelation 3:5

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Ephesians 5:14

⁴ This is why it is said: “Wake up, sleeper, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.”

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We are told to:

◆Awaken

◆Strengthen

◆Remember

◆Repent

Strengthen what remains...

Have ears that will hear...