

CHRIST IN OUR MIDST
To the Church in Sardis: Be Alive
Revelations 3:1-6
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According to God's word we can be physically alive and spiritually dead.

4 But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, 5 made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. 6 And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus.

Ephesians 2:4-6 NIV

The message Jesus is giving to the church in Sardis is **Be Alive**.

"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.

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 3:1-6 NIV

COMFORT CAN KILL THE CHURCH

Jesus did not have anything good to say about the church in Sardis. They have a reputation of being alive but they are dead.

The church like the city was living based on its past reputation. When you rest on your past the end is near.

God at times allows the world to persecute the church because comfort and ease are a deadly force.

People can look good but never live in a way God directs us to live and their lives never produce any fruit.

For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened. 22 Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools 23 and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images made to look like a mortal human being and birds and animals and reptiles. 24 Therefore God gave them over in the sinful desires of their hearts to sexual impurity for the degrading of their bodies with one another. 25 They exchanged the truth about God for a lie, and worshiped and served created things rather than the Creator—who is forever praised. Amen.

Romans 1:22-24 NIV

We need to restore and rely on our relationship with God. Pray, speak to Him daily throughout the day. When He leads you to an action of praying for or helping or caring for a person do it.

REPENTANCE CAN REVIVE THE CHURCH

You can think you are alive but spiritually you are dead.

Repentance might be the best word in the bible. It can lead you to the forgiveness of all your sins. It can lead to a restored relationship with God.

Lives come alive when they meet Jesus.