

# Dear Sardis... You're a Zombie Church Who Is Spiritually Comatose Revelation 3:1-6

Jesus' words of commendation, correction, and consequences

#### Revelation 3:1-6

- <sup>1</sup> "And to the angel of the church in Sardis write: 'The words of him who has the seven spirits of God and the seven stars. "I know your works. You have the reputation of being alive, but you are dead.
- <sup>2</sup> Wake up, and strengthen what remains and is about to die, for I have not found your works complete in the sight of my God.
- <sup>3</sup> Remember, then, what you received and heard. Keep it, and repent. If you will not wake up, I will come like a thief, and you will not know at what hour I will come against you.

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- <sup>4</sup> Yet you have still a few names in Sardis, people who have not soiled their garments, and they will walk with me in white, for they are worthy.
- <sup>5</sup> The one who conquers will be clothed thus in white garments, and I will never blot his name out of the book of life. I will confess his name before my Father and before his angels.
- <sup>6</sup> He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.'

#### The City of Sardis



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- I. The Commendation (v. 1b, 4a)
  - A. None... except:
  - B. Its remnant, the faithful few (4a)
  - C. Its reputation; though, not its reality (1b)

- II. The Correction (v. 1-3a)
  - A. You're asleep at the watch.
  - B. You're lifeless and mostly dead.
  - C. Your reputation is a lie.

### III. The Consequences (v. 3b, 4b-5)

- A. Negative Consequence: Jesus will not come for them but against them.
- B. Positive Consequences
  - 1. The faithful will be clothed in white
  - 2. The faithful's name is written in permanent ink
  - 3. The faithful will have their imputed innocence confessed before God the Father.

