

SARDIS: THE CHURCH THAT NEEDED IMMEDIATE REVIVAL

(Revelation 3:1-6)

- A. The Vision of the Glorified Christ (1:9-20)
- B. The Church at Ephesus (2:1-7)
- C. The Church at Smyrna (2:8-11)
- D. The Church at Pergamos (2:12-17)
- E. The Church at Thyatira (2:18-29)
- F. The Church at Sardis (3:1-5)

1. The city of Sardis was located about 30 miles southeast of Thyatira; it was situated strategically at the junction of _____ different _____, which made it a center for commercial trade, and very _____ as a result.

2. Jesus described Himself as the One who had “*the seven Spirits of God*” (Isa. 11:1-5; Rev. 5:6); Christ also held “*the seven stars*” (Rev. 1:16, 20; 2:1), referring to the direct _____ of these seven _____ to the Lord. (v. 1a)

3. The only word of approval is in actuality a word of _____, as Jesus declared that these believers had a _____ (probably among the other churches) for being alive, but they were in fact _____. (v. 1b)

4. Historically the city of Sardis had been sacked _____ because the watchmen on the walls had not seen the enemies scaling the cliffs. Likewise, these believers in Sardis needed to _____ from their _____ complacency and strengthen what remained. (v. 2a)

5. Jesus gave the church in Sardis three commands (v. 3a)
 - a. They were to “_____ in _____” (*pres./act./imper.*) the doctrine that they had “*received and heard.*”

- b. They were to “_____” (*pres./act./imper.*), wake up and begin to _____ the apostolic teaching once again, make it a primary focus in their lives.
- c. They were to “_____” (*aor./act./imper.*), immediately _____ their minds about their dreadful condition.
6. Jesus gave these believers a severe _____, that if they didn’t _____, He would come upon them suddenly with divine _____. (v. 3b)
7. Christ stated that _____ all the believers living in Sardis were living a life of compromise, there was a _____ who had “*not defiled their garments.*” (v. 4)
8. Christ makes some wonderful promises to these believers in Sardis...
- a. “*He who overcomes shall be clothed in white garments*” (v. 5a)
 -Since Jesus Christ has overcome the world, God views _____ believer as an _____ in positional _____ with Him. (1 John 5:4-5; Rom. 8:37)
- b. “*and I will not blot out his name from the Book of Life; but I will confess his name before My Father and before His angels.*” (v. 5b)
 -God knew in _____ who would _____ in Him by grace through faith, thus He could write down the names of every believer in “*The Book of Life*”; these names _____ be removed.
- c. “*He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.*” (v. 6)
 -Each individual member of this church was to _____ and _____ what the Spirit of God was telling them.

* How can you personal apply this challenging passage in your own life?