

Call to the Word

Rev 3:1-6



And to the angel of the church in Sardis write, 'These things says He who has the seven Spirits of God and the seven stars: "I know your works, that you have a name that you are alive, but you are dead. Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die, for I have not found your works perfect before God.

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Remember therefore how you have received and heard; hold fast and repent. Therefore, if you will not watch, I will come upon you as a thief, and you will not know what hour I will come upon you. You have a few names even in Sardis who have not defiled their garments; and they shall walk with Me in white, for they are worthy.

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He who overcomes shall be clothed in white garments, 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. "He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches."

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Seven Letters to the People of The Way Part 5

Introduction & background



The Things That Are

Christ and His Church Christ in His Church Christ Speaking to His Church

Introduction & Background

"Sardis appeared to be alive; it was dead. A dead church, living a fake life." (MacArthur)

Introduction & Background

Introduction to Sardis





Introduction of Jesus



'These things says He who has the seven Spirits of God and the seven stars...'



The Writer / Rev 3:1

Seven Spirits of God

Spirit of the Lord - Spirit of Wisdom Spirit of Understanding - Spirit of Counsel Spirit of Might – Spirit of knowledge Spirit of the Fear of the Lord

The Writer / Rev 3:1

Condemnation



The church is spiritually dead...

"A church may be socially distinguished, may have all of its programming, but it's a spiritual graveyard, and its works are grave clothes: a poor disguise for an ecclesiastical corpse." (MacArthur)

Condemnation/ Rev 3:1

Hope



Hope

"You have a few names even in Sardis who have not defiled their garments; and they shall walk with Me in white, for they are worthy "(v.4)

Hope / Rev 3:4

Command

Rev 3:2-3



Be watchful (1Th 5:2-4)

Strengthen "Rescue what remains"

Command / Rev 3:2-3

Remember (1Th 5:2-4)

Strengthen "Rescue what remains"

Command / Rev 3:2-3

Hold Fast / Repent

Change your thinking...change your attitude... align your life with a Biblical worldview, allow your character to become Christ-like.

Command / Rev 3:2-3

Promise

All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will by no means cast out.

(John 6:37)

Promise / Rev 3:5

