

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.

### Call to the Word - Rev 3:1-6

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."

### Call to the Word - Rev 3:1-6

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

