

**Reflection Questions:** Am I a Christian in name only? Is my name written in *the book of life*? How do I know? Am I outwardly moral and doctrinally sound but inwardly empty? Do I listen to Jesus as He speaks by the Spirit from His Word and obey Him? How am I strengthening my church?

How can we pray for one another and our church this week?

### Quotes to Ponder

*The only churches who are not asleep are the churches who are worried about their falling asleep.*

Timothy Keller

*Sardis became the perfect model of inoffensive Christianity, adding nothing righteous to change the bitter taste of sin in society. The church's light was so dim that it did not disturb the darkness which enshrouded the city.*

Richard Mayhue

*The greatest gift the Christian has ever received, ever will or could receive, is the Spirit of God Himself. He enters our human personality & changes us from within. He fills us with love, joy, and peace. He subdues our passions and transforms our characters into the likeness of Christ.*

*Its works were beautiful grave clothes which were but a thin disguise for this ecclesiastical corpse. The eyes of Christ saw beyond the clothes to the skeleton. It was dead as mutton. It even stank.*

John Stott

*Does it make any sense to say that salvation is offered as a solution for our sin and then to turn around and teach that salvation can be taken away because of our sin as well?*

Charles Stanley

*"Wake up! Be watchful! Repent! Remember the Word you have received and obey it!" This is the formula for revival.*

Warren Wiersbe

*We even need to repent of our repentance because we are worse off than we think we are.*

Ray Pritchard



Revelation 3:1-6

*Sermon*  
Notes

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1. The City (1)
2. The Church (1)
3. The Correspondent (1)
4. The Condemnation (1-2)
5. The Counsel (2-3)
  - A. Wake Up
  - B. Strengthen
  - C. Remember
  - D. Keep It
  - E. Repent
6. The Commendation (4-5)
  - A. Walk
  - B. Clothed
  - C. Name
  - D. Confessed
7. The Challenge (6)

1. What in the text/sermon impacted you? Encouraged you? Convicted you? Challenged you? Confused you? Comforted you?

2. What is meant when it says Jesus *has the seven Spirits of God* (*Revelation 3:1*)?

3. What do the *seven stars* refer to (*Revelation 3:1*)?

4. What message was Jesus communicating to the church in Sardis by describing Himself this way (*Revelation 3:1*)?

5. What problem did the city of Sardis and the church in Sardis have in common (*Revelation 3:2*)?

6. What does *Revelation 3:2* mean when Jesus says, *I have not found your deeds completed in the sight of My God*?

7. How can a church be called *dead* (*Revelation 3:1*)? Explain.

What kills a church?

8. What does Jesus commend the church in Sardis for (*Revelation 3:4*)?

9. What counsel does Jesus give the remaining Christians in Sardis (*Revelation 3:2-3*)?

10. What do the following verses add to Jesus' counsel in *Revelation 3:2*?  
*Matthew 26:41* — *1 Corinthians 16:13* —

*Acts 20:29-31* —

*1 Thessalonians 5:6* —

*Romans 13:11* —

*1 Peter 5:8* —

11. What does it mean to *have not soiled their garments* (*Revelation 3:4*; *Isaiah 64:6*; *Jude 23*; *Revelation 19:8*)?

12. What promises does Jesus make to the overcomers in Sardis (*Revelation 3:4-5*)?

13. What did Jesus mean when He said, *I will not erase his name from the book of life* (*Revelation 3:5*)?

Can a Christian lose his salvation? Explain.

14. One of the problems in the church in Sardis was that it was not operating in the Spirit of God. List the benefits of the Holy Spirit's work in the believer's life in the following verses.

*Romans 8:26-27* —

*Galatians 5:16-18* —

*Romans 14:17* —

*Ephesians 3:16* —

*Romans 15:13* —

*1 John 3:24* —

*1 Corinthians 2:11-14* —