

# The Church at Sardis (The Dead Church)

## Revelation 3:1-6

### Introduction

Ephesus = The Working church/ Lost first Love/ Remember Repent Return/I'll put out your light or eat of tree of life

Smyrna = The Persecuted Church/ Be faithful unto death and I will give you a crown of life

Pergamos = The Worldly Church/ Repent or I will fight against you/ Overcome and I will feed hidden manna, give you a white stone, and a new name.

Thyatira = The Adulterous Church/ Repent or I will kill her children and all that lie with Jezebel/ Overcome and I will let them rule over the nations.

### Descriptions of Christ

Ephesus = I walk in 7 candlesticks and hold 7 stars

Smyrna = I was dead and am alive again

Pergamos = My word is a two-edged sword

Thyatira = I have eyes of fire and feet of brass

### Sardis

Sardis = Escaping ones or one that comes out

Sardis was in a strategic location and the city was known as a city that could not be conquered

Three sides of city had mountain cliff walls

Fourth side had River Pactolus had narrow isthmus – defensible by simply a few hundred soldiers

King Croesus /Cyrus the Great

Cyrus sieged the city for 14 days and offered a reward to any of his soldiers that could find a weakness in the city

Herodes saw a crack in the precipice of the wall when a soldier climbed down to retrieve his helmet

The city was completely unguarded and fell because of overconfidence. The city was notorious for being so lazy that they could not defend themselves.

## Verse 1 The Reality

1. The God that has 7 Spirits and & 7 stars
2. The Presence of Holy Spirit had left
3. You have a good reputation (Name)
4. You have a reputation of being alive
5. You are dead/ Matthew 23:27-28 Dead tombs
6. How do you identify a dead church?
7. They're lazy
8. They're unenthused
9. They have no passion for God
10. This is usually seen in the music and in the congregational reaction to realities

## Verse 2-3 The Response

1. **See** = Be watchful/awake/ You need to wake up and see what is going on
2. **Strengthen** the remnant/ Look to those that are Spirit-filled and turn them loose
3. **Submit** to what you know/ remember what you have received
4. **Seek** to obey/ Hold Fast/ keep/ obey what the Bible says
5. Be **sorry** and repent of sin
6. I will come as a thief and you will not know what hit you

## Verse 4-6 The Reward

1. There are some in your church that are pure and white
2. They are worthy
3. They that overcome they will be clothed in white
4. Their name shall not be removed from the book of life
5. They will be bragged on in front of God and the angels
6. He that has an ear let him hear

**Conclusion:**

1. God has nothing good to say about a lazy, boring dead church

**Challenge:**

1. Look and see
2. Wake up
3. Obey God
4. Get excited