

# "The Cold Church"

The Church at Sardis

Revelation 3 : 1 - 6

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## REVIEW FROM LAST WEEK'S MESSAGE:

- The church at Thyatira was "The Corrupt Church."
- They were accepting of corrupt teaching (from Jezebel).
- The enemies of the church continue to be idolatry and immorality.
- We must never become corrupt in our doctrines and teachings.
- We must "speak the truth in love".
- Jesus Christ is coming again to rescue those who believe in Him.



## 1. CHURCH—The Church at Sardis.

Revelation 3:1, NIV84 -<sup>1</sup> "To the angel of the church in Sardis [which means *remnant*—a fitting description for this church], write:

## 2. CONFIRMATION—Christ—as the Life-Giver—holds the seven-fold Spirit and seven stars.

Revelation 3:1a (TLB) - "This message is sent to you by the one who has the sevenfold Spirit of God and the seven stars..."

Isaiah 11:2 (NIV) -<sup>2</sup> The Spirit of the Lord will rest on him— the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the Spirit of counsel and of power, the Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord...

## 3. COMMENDATION—Some have not soiled their garments.

Revelation 3:4, NIV84 -<sup>4</sup> Yet you have a few people in Sardis who have not soiled their clothes. They will walk with me, dressed in white, for they are worthy.

## 4. COMPLAINT—They are dead and their deeds are not right.

Revelation 3:1 (NLT) -<sup>1</sup> This is the message from the one who has the sevenfold Spirit of God and the seven stars: "I know all the things you do, and that you have a reputation [Gk: ὄνομα, *onoma*, means "name" and derives into "denomination", for being alive—but you are dead] [Gk: νεκρός, *nekros*, meaning death or corpse.]

## 5. COMMAND—"Turn back to God."

Revelation 3:2–3, NIV84 -<sup>2</sup> Wake up! Strengthen what remains and is about to die, for I have not found your deeds complete in the sight of my God. <sup>3</sup> Remember, therefore, what you have received and heard; obey it, and repent. But if you do not wake up, I will come like a thief, and you will not know at what time I will come to you.

**Wake up!**

**Strengthen what remains!**

**Hold fast to God's Word!**

"Think of the gift you once had in your hands, the Message you heard with your ears—grasp it again." - v 3a , MSG

**Turn back to God!**

## 6. COMFORT—Eternal security.

Revelation 3:4–6, NIV84 -<sup>4</sup> Yet you have a few people in Sardis who have not soiled their clothes. They will walk with me, dressed in white, for they are [will be declared (nominative case)] worthy. <sup>5</sup> He who overcomes will, like them, be dressed in white. I will never blot out his name from the book of life, but will acknowledge his name before my Father and his angels. <sup>6</sup> He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.

**They will be declared "worthy"!**

**Their names will be written in the Lamb's Book of Life!**

**They will be "presented" to the Father!**



**ONLY CHRIST, THE LIFE-GIVER,  
CAN PROVIDE ETERNAL SECURITY!**