

## Letter to the Church at Sardis Revelation 3:1-6

### Introduction to the city of Sardis

#### What have we learned about Jesus?

1. He is the powerful, present protector.
2. He is the everlasting one who lives.
3. He is the warrior whose word is powerful.
4. He is the powerful judge who sees all.
5. He is the one who sends the Spirit and the messengers to the churches.

#### Jesus, the one who speaks...

1. Has the seven Spirits of God.
  1. The number seven signifies \_\_\_\_\_
  2. Rev. 1:4 \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ come from Jesus and the seven Spirits before His throne.
  3. Rev. 4:5 The seven Spirits refers to the \_\_\_\_\_ who reveals the throne of God.
  4. Rev. 5:6 The seven Spirits refers to the Holy Spirit who manifests the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of God on the earth.
  5. The Spirit is like the breath of man. Ps. 104:29-31
2. Has the seven stars. (Rev. 1:16, 20) The seven stars are the \_\_\_\_\_ to the churches.
3. Why is this important to the church at Sardis? Jesus fills the church with life through...

#### The Criticism

1. It's possible to have a good reputation and be spiritually dead.
  1. The church had acquired a \_\_\_\_\_.
  2. On this side of the veil they looked alive.

3. One the other side of the veil they were dead.
2. Beware the lie: As long as men think well of me, I am \_\_\_\_\_. Rom. 8:6, Gal. 3:3
3. Living by \_\_\_\_\_ cannot sanctify for God's glory. 2 Cor. 3:4-6, 10, 15
4. Living by the Holy Spirit \_\_\_\_\_ for God's glory. 2 Cor. 3:16-18

### **Admonition**

1. Wake up!
2. Strengthen the spiritual realities.
3. Remember the gospel and what was heard from the apostles.
4. Do the gospel in the power of the Spirit.
5. Repent-turn from trusting in outward appearances and pride in your reputation.
6. If you don't wake up, you'll not be prepared when I visit you in judgment.

### **Commendation**

1. Living for the \_\_\_\_\_ of man is to \_\_\_\_\_ the garment given by God in Christ.
2. Those who walk by the \_\_\_\_\_, walk with Jesus and thus their garments are white.

### **His Promise**

1. He who overcomes the temptation to...
  1. Clothed in Jesus' purity and holiness.
  2. Eternally registered in heaven. Rev. 21:27; Luke 10:20
  3. Commended to His Father and His angels. Heb. 2:11

### **Call to Hear**

1. Beware the lie:
2. Living for the approval of man is to soil the garment given by God in Christ.
3. Those who walk by the Spirit, walk with Jesus and thus their garments are white-this makes one worthy.