



SARDIS: THE DEAD CHURCH

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“And to the angel of the church in Sardis write: ‘The words of him who has the seven spirits of God and the seven stars. I know your works. You have the reputation of being alive, but you are dead. ² Wake up, and strengthen what remains and is about to die, for I have not found your works complete in the sight of my God. ³ Remember, then, what you received and heard. Keep it, and repent. If you will not wake up, I will come like a thief, and you will not know at what hour I will come against you. ⁴ Yet you have still a few names in Sardis, people who have not soiled their garments, and they will walk with me in white, for they are worthy. ⁵ The one who conquers will be clothed thus in white garments, and I will never blot his name out of the book of life. I will confess his name before my Father and before his angels. ⁶ He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.’” REVELATION 3:1-6 ESV

*Outwardly splendid as of old
Inwardly lifeless, dead and cold
Her force and fire all spent and gone
Like the dead moon, she still shines on*

A church that's _____ is worth the _____!

Diagnosing the Dead Church [3:1-3]

1. In a dead church, the _____ is not welcome.

2. In a dead church, godly, Spirit-filled _____ are absent.

3. A dead church is full of Christians _____.

And you were dead in your trespasses and sins in which you once walked.

EPHESIANS 2:1 ESV

4. A dead church is full of _____ believers.

“Therefore, stay awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming

... for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.” MATTHEW

24:42, 44 ESV

Rewards for Those Who Stay Awake [3:4-6]

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