

Sardis: The Church that Quit Caring
Revelation 3: 1-6
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Introduction: Sardis – city of No Christian Church in Sardis now
30,000 due to gold rush
Pagan Spirituality – animism, paganism, mother earth
Temple of Artemis

- I. On the Minus Side
 - a. Seven stars in His hand – Domitian
 - b. I know your deeds; you have a reputation of being alive, but you are dead
 - c. Dead not dry
 - i. Routine not ritual
 - ii. 80% of American churches have either plateaued or are declining
 - iii. 3,500 churches decommissioned every year
- II. On the plus side
 - a. A few people – seems every church has a faithful core
 - b. Who have not soiled their clothes
 - i. “all of us have become like one who is unclean. And all our righteous acts are like filthy rags.” Isaiah 64: 6
 - c. They will walk with me wearing white
 - i. They will walk with me dressed in white, for they are worthy.
 - ii. Come now let us reason together says the Lord. Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be white as snow.” Isaiah 1: 18
- III. Conclusion/Take Away
 - a. What could make Jesus write us a letter like this?
 - i. Apathy
 - ii. More takers than givers
 - iii. Unbelief
 - iv. Intransigence