



Sardis: The Church of the Living Dead

Revelation 3:1-6

- 1) Spiritually dead churches look alive on the outside
 - a) Good works & large numbers; *no gospel*
 - b) Slick preachers; *no Scripture*
 - c) Tolerant of everything; *no truth*
- 2) Christ pleads with the spiritually dead church (3:1)
 - a) He grants the Spirit for life (Job 33:4; John 6:63; 2 Cor. 3:6; Eph. 24-5)
 - b) The Spirit, the word of God, is imparted through pastors
- 3) Are your deeds complete in Christ's sight? (3:2-3)
 - a) *Wake up* from slumber
 - b) Get back to the Bible; weed out the rabble
 - c) Always *remember* the gospel
 - d) Continue to *keep* (obey) God's word
 - e) *Repent* of spiritual inactivity
- 4) Christ is coming again *for judgment* on those who refuse to repent (3b)
- 5) Repenters and overcomers will receive eternal life in Christ (3:4-5)
- 6) What are the signs of a living but dead church?