



REVELATION (PART 7) | REVELATION 3:1-6
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To the Church at SARDIS (and at MOUNT OLIVE)...

Revelation 3:1 (*Jesus said to John:*) **"To the angel of the church in Sardis write: These are the words of him who holds the seven spirits of God and the seven stars. I know your deeds; you have a reputation of being alive, but you are dead. 2 Wake up! Strengthen what remains and is about to die, for I have found your deeds unfinished in the sight of my God. 3 Remember, therefore, what you have received and heard; hold it fast, 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. 4 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. 5 The one who is victorious will, like them, be dressed in white. I will never blot out the name of that person from the book of life, but will acknowledge that name before my Father and his angels. 6 Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches."**

In His words to the church at Sardis, Jesus pulls no punches!

Jesus says they have the appearance of being alive but really are spiritually dead.

One author described the Sardis church as "a morgue with a steeple."

Sin will *always* keep God's people stagnant and lifeless.

The Spirit provides renewal and new life when we "Wake Up" to Jesus' words!

In many ways, our work will remain "unfinished" because we are all works in progress.

Nevertheless, when we "hold fast" to God's Word and live a life of repentance, Jesus will carry on His work in us BOTH *right now* AND until the Day He comes again!

John 8:31-32

Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

Philippians 1:6

He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

With names registered in the Book of Life and with wardrobes of brilliant white, Jesus invites His saints to experience the victory of life in His presence...forever!

Isaiah 1:18

"Come now, let us settle the matter," says the Lord. "Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool."

Matthew 10:32-33

(Jesus said:) "Whoever acknowledges me before others, I will also acknowledge before my Father in heaven. But whoever disowns me before others, I will disown before my Father in heaven."