

## REVELATION

### LESSON 10: Revelation 3:1-6 - Jesus Letters to the Churches: Sardis "The Sleeping or Dead Church"

1. Sardis was located at the crossroads of \_\_\_\_\_ major land routes and was an important inland trade center. The city was also famous for its \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ industry.
2. Sardis was a city exceedingly famed for its past \_\_\_\_\_ and splendor. The Hermas River carried \_\_\_\_\_ dust at one time. Their wealth resulted in \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Sardis had, at one time, been considered to be \_\_\_\_\_ because of its ideal physical arrangement and topography for \_\_\_\_\_. Yet its wealth made Sardis a tempting target and it had been \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ twice. Citizens felt their city was impregnable and became arrogant in their lack of \_\_\_\_\_ (3:2-3).
4. Sardis was devoted to the worship of the mother-goddess \_\_\_\_\_. Worshipers were required to wear \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ robe to enter. The irony of this is that it hid the foul and dark impurities that were committed in the \_\_\_\_\_ festivals of \_\_\_\_\_ thrown in her honor.
5. The church of Sardis is known as "the \_\_\_\_\_ church" because Jesus exhorts them to "\_\_\_\_\_ up." Others call them "the \_\_\_\_\_ church" because sleep is used several times in the NT to represent death (See 2 Tm 3:5; Ep 5:14-18).
6. What "church age" did Sardis come to represent? \_\_\_\_\_  
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7. Jesus introduces himself to church as the one who holds "The \_\_\_\_\_ Spirits of God and the \_\_\_\_\_ stars." The seven spirits or seven-fold spirit is a reference to the \_\_\_\_\_ who proceeds from the Father and the Son to the believer (Jn 7:37-39; 15:16, 26). The number 7 = \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ (See Isaiah 11:2-5). The seven \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ represents the leaders who are to read the letter and who are responsible for teaching the \_\_\_\_\_ to the church.
8. From this introduction we can see to problems for the church at Sardis. The believers in the church at Sardis were grieving and quenching the ministry of the \_\_\_\_\_ by neglecting to walk by faith in step with the Holy Spirit (Ep 4:30; 1 Th 5:19). The leaders of this church are not being \_\_\_\_\_ leaders. There is a failure in the church to communicate the \_\_\_\_\_ in a consistent and an in-depth manner. For Sardis there was a neglect of the \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_. Any church that neglects these two areas is spiritually dead (Ze 4:6; He 4:12; Ep 3:16-19; 1 Th 2:13).
9. **"I know your \_\_\_\_\_; you have a \_\_\_\_\_ of being \_\_\_\_\_, but you are \_\_\_\_\_"** (Re 3:1b).

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Just because a church has activities and events doesn't mean they are active! They lack spiritual \_\_\_\_\_ through the \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_.

10. Death means \_\_\_\_\_ from Christ as well as the absence of \_\_\_\_\_. If a person wants to live outside of the will of God then God will honor their decision. Eternal \_\_\_\_\_ from God his blessings is the judgment (Ep 5:14).
11. “\_\_\_\_\_ **up!** \_\_\_\_\_ **what remains and is about to die, for I have found your deeds** \_\_\_\_\_ **in the sight of my** \_\_\_\_\_. **Remember, therefore, what you have** \_\_\_\_\_ **and** \_\_\_\_\_; **hold it fast, and** \_\_\_\_\_.
12. How does the command to wake up relate to the watchfulness of the walls of Sardis? \_\_\_\_\_  
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13. What are the unfinished deeds? \_\_\_\_\_  
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14. **But if you do not** \_\_\_\_\_ **up, I will come like a** \_\_\_\_\_, **and you will not know at what time I will** \_\_\_\_\_ **to you.** What other passage does this relate to? \_\_\_\_\_  
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15. **Yet you have a few people in Sardis who have not** \_\_\_\_\_ **their clothes. They will** \_\_\_\_\_ **with me,** \_\_\_\_\_ **in white, for they are** \_\_\_\_\_.”
16. What is the reward for the ones in Sardis who have unsoiled garments? What comfort is there in these three things? \_\_\_\_\_  
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17. “**The one who is** \_\_\_\_\_ **will, like them, be dressed in** \_\_\_\_\_. **I will never** \_\_\_\_\_ **out the name of that person from the book of** \_\_\_\_\_, **but will** \_\_\_\_\_ **that name before my** \_\_\_\_\_ **and his angels. Whoever has** \_\_\_\_\_, **let them** \_\_\_\_\_ **what the** \_\_\_\_\_ **says to the** \_\_\_\_\_.”
18. Who is the one who is victorious and what are they victorious over? \_\_\_\_\_  
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19. How does the reward of acknowledgement relate to what Jesus said in Mt 10:32-33; Lk 12:8-9? \_\_\_\_\_  
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20. What is the big take away for me and my church? \_\_\_\_\_  
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