

TO THE CHURCH OF SARDIS

“To the Angel, Write:” - Part 5

Revelation 3:1-6

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“The letter to Sardis is fairly brief, however, given the nature of the other six letters we may learn as much from what is not included in this letter as we do from what is included. For example, there is no mention of persecution in this letter as there has been in the other letters. There is no reference to the danger of heresies that they’re having to confront and overcome. There’s no illusion to any Jewish opposition.”

3. They had an _____, a _____, that they were able to live off of.

“... you have a that you are alive, but you are dead.”

Revelation 3:1c (NASB)

Sardis is a church that seems to be _____ of what it is, and yet _____ of how the _____ is _____ into their lives.

“‘As I live,’ declares the Lord God, ‘Sodom, your sister, and her daughters, have not done as you and your daughters have done. Behold, this was the guilt of your sister Sodom: she and her daughters had arrogance, abundant food, and careless ease, but she did not help the poor and needy. Thus they were haughty and committed abominations before Me. Therefore I removed them when I saw it.’” Ezekiel 16:48-50 (NASB)

“‘As surely as I live,’ says the Sovereign LORD, ‘Sodom and her daughters were never as wicked as you and your daughters. Sodom’s sins were pride, gluttony, and laziness, while the poor and needy suffered outside her door. She was proud and committed detestable sins, so I wiped her out, as you have seen.’” (New Living Translation)

3. The different _____ we find ourselves in _____.

1. The _____ of Sardis.

- Sardis was a _____ city.
- Sardis was _____ two different times in their history by _____.

“And to the angel of the church in Sardis write: He who has the seven Spirits of God, and the seven stars, says this: ‘I know your deeds, that you have a name that you are alive, but you are dead. Wake up, and strengthen the things that remain, which were about to die; for I have not found your deeds completed in the sight of My God. Remember what you have received and heard; and keep it, and repent. If therefore you will not wake up, I will come like a thief, and you will not know at what hour I will come to you.

But you have a few people in Sardis who have not soiled their garments; and they will walk with Me in white, for they are worthy. He who overcomes shall thus be clothed in white garments; and I will not erase his name from the book of life, and I will confess his name before My Father, and before His angels. He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.’”

Revelation 3:1-6 (NASB)

2. _____ that are _____ to form this angel in the church in Sardis.

1. _____
2. They basically have _____.