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Worship Service
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Dear Church: 7 Letters to 7 Churches

Lesson Nine • Revelation 3:1-6
Dear Church in Sardis

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Don't boast in your NAME or reputation as a church, when in reality you have no spiritual life, you're dead.

What Jesus Says to the Dead Church

1. Jesus Is Characterized by the SPIRIT of God!

City-Church Context

Sardis was a very wealthy city with a natural DEFENSE due to its location on a plateau, but was conquered due to over-confidence.

Jesus' Character

Jesus has the seven SPIRITS of God and the seven stars, symbolizing that He discerns life and gives life to His churches by His Spirit and Word (v. 1).

2. Jesus Confronts Those Who Have a REPUTATION but Are Dead!

Jesus' Rebuke

You have a reputation of being ALIVE, but in reality you're DEAD (v. 1).

Warning for Our Church

Beware of thinking our church is ALIVE just because we may have a good name or reputation.

3. Jesus Corrects Those Who Are DYING but Not Yet Dead!

Jesus' Command

- WAKE UP to your spiritual condition (v. 2).
- STRENGTHEN what remains and is about to die (v. 2).
- REMEMBER the gospel you received and heard (v. 3).
- KEEP the gospel by guarding it, treasuring it, and proclaiming it (v. 3).
- REPENT or else Jesus will come in judgment (v. 3).

4. Jesus Commends Those Who Are FAITHFUL!

Jesus' Reminder

Even in a dead church, the faithful remnant are WORTHY of walking with Jesus (v. 4).

5. Jesus Confesses Those Who OVERCOME!

Jesus' Promise

Jesus will GLORIFY you with a white garment, JUSTIFY you in the book of life, and VERIFY you before the Father (v. 5-6).

Takeaway: Wake Up!

Personally, TRUST in Jesus to make you alive in Him and strengthen you through His Spirit and Word to the end when He comes again.

Corporately, BOAST in the name of Jesus, relying on His Spirit and Word to build His Church at LifeBridge.