



**“Resurrecting the Church”**  
**Revelation 3:1-6**  
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The church seemed alive and well. It had a good reputation in the community. It obviously is not about to close its doors. Christians in other towns spoke well of the church at Sardis. In this section of Revelation, Jesus writes letters to seven churches. In each of those letters he is very detailed and specific about their strengths and weaknesses, their apathy, and their persecution. With Sardis, Jesus never tells us what the problem is. There is no mention of persecution, no Jezebels running the church, no throne of Satan, no sexual immorality, nor is the church losing its first love. We do not really know what was wrong there other than it was dying. The only detail Jesus gives is that this church has **a good reputation that is undeserved.** The appearance of church became more important than a relationship with Christ. Jesus encourages them to wake up, repent up, and armor up!

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**Revelation 3:1-6** - <sup>1</sup> “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.** <sup>2</sup> Wake up! **Strengthen what remains** and is **about to die**, for I have found **your deeds unfinished** in the sight of my God. <sup>3</sup> **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. <sup>4</sup> 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. <sup>5</sup> 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. <sup>6</sup> Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches.”

**Luke 24:49** - “I am going to send you what My Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been **clothed with power** from on high.”

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- 1. Wake up and strengthen what is left.** (Re-connection fills your Spirit with life. When it gets full enough it begins to overflow. Talking to others about God and what God does in you will be as natural as talking about the weather. You won't be afraid of risking rejection or losing your comfort, because your new comfort zone becomes your connection with God!)
- 2. Remember to continually repent.** (What are some of the things to remember to facilitate repentance? We remember (1) sermons, conversations, Bible studies, or prayers that were prayed over us when we had that feeling of, “ooohh, I need to write that down, and I need to remember that this is for me.”; (2) tasks in life that we know God has called us to that we have allowed comfort or fear to keep us from doing; (3) not to forget that God is real and that this world is temporary and one day Jesus is coming back.)
- 3. Walk with God and let Him dress you.** (The phrase “clothed with power” describes the effect the coming of the Holy Spirit would have on the disciples. Clothing covers human weakness and shame.)

Thank you so much for coming out to LifePoint today!  
Let us know if there is any way that we can serve you!