



*Session 8 — The Church at Sardis [Revelation 3:1-6] —
March 7, 2021*

- I. We all by **nature** are born spiritually **dead** and **powerless** apart from **Christ** and His **free gift** of eternal life.
- II. True saving **faith** always will be **completed** by **works** and **expressed** in **love** for the **least** of these.
- III. The Day of the LORD will come like a **thief** in the **night** to **surprise** only those who are not spiritually **alive, awake** and **ready** for His **return**.
- IV. Although no one knows the exact **day** or **hour** of the Lord's coming, we **can** and **should** know when His return is very **near**.
- V. When we **believe** in Jesus and are **justified**, God **clothes** us with the **righteousness** of Christ.
- VI. Many churches maintain the **appearance** of **godliness** while denying the true **power** of God and **robbing** Him of His **glory**.
- VII. It is infinitely better to **stand alone** with **Jesus** and be **judged** by the **world** than to stand with the **world** and be **judged** alone by Jesus.

Personal Application

- ➔ Has the life of Jesus Christ transformed you from death to life?
- ➔ Wake up church and repent of dead works!
- ➔ Live in such a way that your life is being recorded in heaven.



The REVELATION of JESUS CHRIST
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Small Group Listening Guide — March 14, 2021

Read Revelation 3:1-6 Out Loud

1. What was the reputation of the church at Sardis? What was the Lord's evaluation of this church?
2. How does genuine, saving faith look to the rest of the world?
3. How are we supposed to understand the fact that Jesus is coming like a "thief in the night?" Who will be surprised at His coming and who will be ready?
4. What does it mean to be clothed in the righteousness of Christ? How should our justification change how we live?
5. What are some examples of the modern church having the appearance of godliness but denying the true power of God?
6. What are the books in heaven and whose name is written in the Lamb's book of life?