

SARDIS: CHURCH OF THE LIVING DEAD

Series: *What Christ Thinks of the Church*; Revelation 3:1-6

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This church had a great reputation, but close examination showed that its ministry did not live up to its name. In fact, the church was ready to die! As we examine this church, the warning is that we not grow comfortable in our churches lest we find ourselves slowly dying. The encouragement is that no church is beyond hope as long as there is a remnant in it, willing to strengthen the things that remain.

Dead Church = the ultimate O_____.

The SETTING (v. 1a):

The SPEAKER (v. 1b):

The SIN (v. 1c):

What does a dead church look like?

- There is dead **P**_____.
- There is dead **W**_____.
- There is dead **M**_____.
- There is dead **H**_____.

The SOLUTION (vv. 2-3):

Step 1: **W**_____ **U**_____.

Step 2: **F**_____ **A**_____.

Step 3: **L**_____ **B**_____.

Step 4: **H**_____ **O**_____.

Step 5: **L**_____ **G**_____.

Step 6: **W**_____ **O**_____.

The SUMMONS and SUCCESS (vv. 4-6):