

Believers Together - Discovering Truth Bible Studies

Tuesday May 28, 2024

To the Church in Sardis—Revelation 3:1–6

Open It

1. What is the absolute dirtiest (we're talking mud and slime here) you've ever gotten? When and how did it happen?
2. What is the difference between character and reputation?

Revelation 3:1–6 (ESV)

¹**“And to the angel of the church in Sardis write: ‘The words of him who has the seven spirits of God and the seven stars. “ ‘I know your works. You have the reputation of being alive, but you are dead.**

²**Wake up, and strengthen what remains and is about to die, for I have not found your works complete in the sight of my God.**

³**Remember, then, what you received and heard. Keep it, and repent. If you will not wake up, I will come like a thief, and you will not know at what hour I will come against you.**

⁴**Yet you have still a few names in Sardis, people who have not soiled their garments, and they will walk with me in white, for they are worthy.**

⁵**The one who conquers will be clothed thus in white garments, and I will never blot his name out of the book of life. I will confess his name before my Father and before his angels.**

⁶**He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.’**

Explore It

3. What did Christ think about the church at Sardis? (3:1–3)
4. What was wrong with the church at Sardis? (3:2)
5. What warnings did Christ issue to the church at Sardis? (3:2)
6. What did Christ urge as the first step to restoration? (3:3)
7. What consequences were promised to those who refused to wake up? (3:3)
8. How do we know that not all the Christians in Sardis were “asleep”? (3:4)
9. What blessings were promised to those who would “overcome”? (3:5)
10. In addition to the church at Sardis, who else was commanded to pay heed to this message? (3:6)

Get It

11. When in your life has your reputation been misleading? How?
12. How can a church appear to be alive and thriving and yet be dead?
13. In what way do we “soil our clothes”?

Apply It

14. What can you do today to enhance your reputation in the world and in heaven?