

The Letter to Sardis: The Sleeping Church Revelation 3:1

Revelation 3:1-2

Reputation Vs Reality

...you have a reputation of being alive, but (*in reality*) you are dead. Wake Up!

Six Signs of a Dead or Dying Church

1. **The _____ Has Left the Building** Revelation 3:1 / Revelation 1:4-5 / Isaiah 11:2

If you had a choice to go to a church that's rich and self-powerful or one that's poor and depending on the Holy Spirit, go to the church that's Spirit filled. Zechariah 4:6 ...'Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit,' says the LORD Almighty.

2. **No _____ for Prayer**

Bold Next Step: This week I will honestly evaluate my prayer life. Is my prayer life ____ Alive ____ Sleepy ____ Dead? What will I do about it?

3. **No Ears for the _____** 2 Timothy 4:3

The Holy Spirit Comforts the Afflicted and Afflicts the Comfortable.

4. **Tolerance of _____** Revelation 3:2 / Revelation 3:3 ...Remember and repent.

5. _____, **Factions, Infighting.** 1 Corinthians 3:3

6. **Stopped Taking _____ for the Gospel** Faith is spelled R-I-S-K.

BOLD NEXT STEP: What are you doing for Jesus that if he doesn't come through, you will fail?

The Warning Revelation 3:3

The Encouragement Revelation 3:4-5

Do You Have Ears to Hear? Revelation 3:6

Life App Group and Family Devotional Application

1. What did Sardis have a reputation for? What was their reality? What does Jesus call them to do?
2. Why did this church need to be reminded about the fullness of the Holy Spirit? Do people and/or churches tend to rely on their own strength, power, and reputation to get by?
3. Do you possess the Holy Spirit and does the Holy Spirit possess you? Are you walking full of the Holy Spirit today?
4. Would you say your prayer life is alive, sleepy, or dead? How can you improve your prayer life? Pastor Scott invites you all to join him on Wednesday Nights 6:00 – 6:30 PM for cooperate prayer and agreement. Will you?
5. Explain the term "itching ears" found in 2 Timothy 4:3. Which are you? A truth seeker or one who wants your ears tickled?
6. What is the sign of a worldly church seen in 1 Corinthians 3:3?
7. How do we spell "Faith"? What are you doing or attempting that if Jesus doesn't come through, you will fail?

Answers: Spirit / Passion / Truth / Sin / Division / Risks