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**Sardis: A Church On Life Support!!**

Revelation 3:1-7

**Key Truth:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ can be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, especially to the human eye. However, Jesus looks deep into the spiritual \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of every Church/Christian and determines their spiritual \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**Jesus Addresses Sardis’s Spiritual State:**

1. They looked \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, but they were spiritually

 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

2. They were spiritually \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and just going through

 the motions of church life.

3. They became \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in their Christian walk while

 living in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ within the

 culture.

**How To Revive A Dead Church/Christian:**

1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ from your spiritual \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

2. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ what still remains!

3. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of grace you were taught!

4. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of God’s word without

 compromise.

5. Repent with your \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**Jesus Promise To The Faithful:**

1. You will experience His \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for eternity.

2. You can rest \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in the saving work of Jesus Christ.

3. Jesus will \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ your faithfulness

 before God the Father.

**Taking It Beyond The Walls:** Let the realities of the gospel determine your decisions and conduct daily. Don’t rely on past achievements to define your relationship with Jesus.

**Connection Group Homework:**

Looking back at your notes, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

How would you define the word “hypocrite”? Why does this word have a negative connotation?

What was Jesus’ view of hypocrisy? Why is spiritual hypocrisy so dangerous?

Read also 1 Peter 5:8-11. Just like the letters to the churches in Revelation, there is both warning and encouragement, command and promise, in these verses. What encourages you in these verses?

In the Bible, there are several passages that refer to God commanding people to wake up, including Ephesians 5:14, 1 Thessalonians 5:6–7, and Romans 13:11. Why do you think alertness is necessary in following Jesus? What are some possible dangers of going to sleep spiritually?

Here are some vital signs to know how dead or alive our faith is: (confessing Jesus as Lord, unity in the body of Christ, compassion, reproductive growth, passion, desire for holiness, willingness to sacrifice). Those can be summed up in the following two questions. Consider your answers and share them with your group.

• In the last two years of your life, where have you seen growth or change in your relationship with God?

• In the last two years of your life, where have you been a light to others? Who is impacted by you?

How do you respond when God uses His Word to call you to repentance? Does your response indicate spiritual life or spiritual death?