

Study Continued

9. What is the threefold promise found in verse 5?

What does each of the promises mean, and what do they mean to us personally?

10. As with all the letters to the churches Jesus ends with the statement, "He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches." What does this mean?

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The 7 Churches of Revelation

1. Ephesus - Remember your first love
2. Smyrna - Be fearless and faithful
3. Pergamum - Don't compromise
4. Thyatira - Hold on to the truth
5. **Sardis - Wake up!**
6. Philadelphia - An open door for the faithful church
7. Laodicea - Let Jesus in and be on fire for God

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TO THE CHURCH IN SARDIS - Revelation 3:1-6

YOU HAVE A REPUTATION OF BEING ALIVE BUT _____ v.1

Seven Stars:

Seven Spirits: (Isaiah 11:2)

Sardis:

_____ **STRENGTHEN WHAT REMAINS AND IS ABOUT TO DIE** v.2-3

Wake up:

Remember _____

Obey:

Repent:

If you do not wake up, I will _____

THE _____ FEW v.4-6

The faithful few are people who have not...

The threefold promise

1.

2.

3.

1. Read Revelation 3:1-6. It is only about 60 years after Jesus' crucifixion. Probably no more than about 40 years since the church in Sardis was formed. What do you think has happened for Jesus to say the things he said about this church?

2. Isaiah 11:1-2 describes the sevenfold ministry of the Holy Spirit. The seven stars are the 'angels' of the church (messengers, bishops etc. Rev 1:20). The church should operate in the power of the Holy Spirit, but the church in Sardis is described as being dead. What should we do, to make sure that everything we do is directed by God, empowered by His Holy Spirit, and not done just in our own strength, as a church and individually? Explain.

3. In Revelation 3:2-3, Jesus tells the church to wake up and strengthen what remains and is about to die. What are some of the symptoms of a relationship with God that is "dying?"

4. Verse 3 gives three instructions. What are they and what do they mean?

5. If our own relationship with God has become stale and lifeless, how do these three instructions apply to us specifically?

6. What are the consequences of not "waking up?"

7. Verse 4 talks about the "few" who have not "soiled their clothes." What does this mean? What would it mean in our own lives?

8. In verses 5 & 6 Jesus gives a threefold promise to those who "overcome." First, what does it mean, in this specific case, to overcome?