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Sardis: The Dead Church

Revelation 3:1-6



1. Read Revelation 3:1-6. Write down:
 - What rebuke did Jesus give the church at Sardis?
 - What commands did Jesus give?
 - What promises did Jesus give?

2. Pastor listed a number of characteristics of a dead or dying church:
 - List at least 5 characteristics Pastor mentioned.
 - What other characteristics would you add?

3. Spiritually dead churches are literally churches that the majority of the people are spiritually dead people. Two possibilities exist for this to occur. The first possibility is that many people in the church do not authentically know Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. The second possibility is that there are a number of people who have an authentic testimony of trusting Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior but have "left their first love." According to Revelation 3:1-6, both of these people groups existed in Sardis! Look up the following Scriptures and get before God to examine yourself to see if you are in the faith and that your faith is alive and healthy:
 - Psalm 139:23, 24; II Corinthians 13:5; II Peter 1:10, 11
 - Ephesians 2:1-10
 - Acts 3:19, 20
 - Romans 12:1, 2
 - Are the fruits of the Spirit evident in your life? Galatians 5:22-24
 - Luke 9:53, 54

Connection Card Next Steps: Matthew 1:32, 33

I confess that my spiritual life needs to be revitalized and will ask God to help me wake up spiritually.

I desire to have a pastor assist me in personally trusting Jesus Christ as Savior and forgiving my sins and granting me eternal life.