

1 "And to the angel of the church in Sardis write,

"These things says He who has the seven Spirits of God³ and the seven stars: "I know your works, that you have a name that you are alive, but you are dead." 2 Be watchful⁴ and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die, (for) I have not found your works perfect before God. 3 Remember therefore how you have received and heard; hold fast and repent. Therefore if you will not watch, I will come upon you as a thief, and you will not know what hour I will come upon you. 4 You have a few names even in Sardis who have not defiled their garments; and they shall walk with Me in white, for they are worthy. 5 He who overcomes shall be clothed in white garments, and I will not blot out his name from the Book of Life; but I will confess his name before My Father⁴ and before His angels.

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

(Revelation 3:1-6 NKJV)

Not much detail about this church
Interesting compare to all other churches & all churches reading this letter also
- Comes to the church with Spirit / which they were lacking
- Contrast: they have a good reputation w/ people but not God. They are sons through motions
- What ever they're doing correct is dying also. they need to strengthen this. (they are posers)
- "for" or because. Perfect? before God
- Gospel? recall where you came from
- Hold Fast AND repent

- Even in a dead church there can be a few with life

Name but dead = works not right
= Remember how you heard

1. We sometimes look over little things we know about but this is a danger
2. We need to be more concerned about our character than our reputation
It's possible they were following traditions that were acceptable to culture
3. Life is in the spirit therefore they must be looking. This is why Christ comes in this way
4. Having a sense of security makes a person slumber which allows the enemy to gain foothold
5. White garments are righteous acts of the saints Rev 19:8 -
~~made~~ we are all sinners so its God that covers Isaiah 61:10
The acts we do but the righteousness is from God Isaiah 54:17
6. These did not deny Matt 10:32-33