

## Appearances Can Be Deceiving Revelation 3:1-6 - Sardis

*“To the angel of the church in Sardis write: These are the words of him who holds the seven spirits of God and the seven stars. I know your deeds; you have a reputation of being alive, but you are dead. <sup>2</sup> Wake up! Strengthen what remains and is about to die, for I have not found your deeds complete in the sight of my God. <sup>3</sup> Remember, therefore, what you have received and heard; obey it, and repent. But if you do not wake up, I will come like a thief, and you will not know at what time I will come to you. <sup>4</sup> Yet you have a few people in Sardis who have not soiled their clothes. They will walk with me, dressed in white, for they are worthy. <sup>5</sup> He who overcomes will, like them, be dressed in white. I will never blot out his name from the book of life, but will acknowledge his name before my Father and his angels. <sup>6</sup> He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.*

The Character of Christ: He holds ultimate \_\_\_\_\_

Sardis: A Church \_\_\_\_\_ to praise

### Areas That Need to Improve:

- Reputation \_\_\_\_\_
- Started \_\_\_\_\_
- Majority of the people \_\_\_\_\_

### Action Plan:

- \_\_\_\_\_ before it's too late!
- \_\_\_\_\_ what remains
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

### Promise From the Lord to Those Who Remain Faithful

- Eternal \_\_\_\_\_
- He will \_\_\_\_\_ from the book of life

### Is Your Name Recorded in the Book of Life?

### Discussion Questions

What point or idea have you remembered most since hearing this weekend's message?

How vibrant is your faith?

- 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?

What does it mean for a church to be watchful? Satan is always searching for any vulnerability to attack. How do we keep watch against such things? Consider 1 Peter 5:4–11.

The church in Sardis had a good reputation with their city, but a bad reputation with Christ. How can we keep watch against this? How can we achieve a good reputation with both Christ and the city?

The church in Sardis believed themselves to be alive, but they were dead. There are likely people in our church who believe themselves to be saved, but are not. How do you know that you are not one of these people? If you have never surrendered to Jesus as Lord, will you do so today?

Jesus knows the deeds of Sardis and tells them to wake up. Take time to ask Jesus to search your life. Ask Him to reveal any dead areas where you need to wake up. Then listen.