# **Revelation 3:1-6 Sardis: Why Churches Die**

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The Appearance of Life but Actually Dead

• The Parable of Sardis

## The City

- A Fortress That Was Conquered
- Destroyed, Rebuilt But Declining
- Famous Names and People

### The Local Story

Personal Application and Big Picture

#### Revelation 3:1-2

The Local Story of Sardis

- What Does a Dying Church Look Like?
- Self Deception and "Church-ianity"
- The Big Picture: The Reformation "Escaping Ones"

The Problem and the Solution: The 7 Spirits and The 7 Stars

- The Secret to Revival : Dependence and Surrender
- The Book of Acts and Church History

# Three Reasons Why Churches Die

- Loving The More Than Jesus
- More Concerned With The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Rather Than The Eternal
- Worshipping The \_\_\_\_\_ Rather Than What God is Doing Today

Jesus Is Not Giving Up On Sardis

A Good Question to Ask Yourself

#### Revelation 3:3-4

Remember How

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- 1 Kings 3 Solomon- Lord help!
- Wisdom and An Understanding Heart

## 2 Cor 12:9 His Strength and Our Weakness

Our Weakness Wont Limit God but Sometimes Our \_\_\_\_\_ Can.

#### Church Goers and True Believers

- The Mistake We Often Make
- True Believers 1 Th 5:5-6

#### **Revelation 3:4-6**

- 3 Promises/ Wedding Vows to the Overcomers
- 1. Clothed in White Garments
- Faith Alone Saves, But Saving Faith is Never .
- 2. Never Blot Out Your Name "Heavenly Records"
- Psa 56, Mal 3:16, Rev 13:8
- A Book Of The Living
- 3. Confess His Name Before The Father
- Presenting His Bride Rev 21:2-5