



“Returning to our First Love”

FMCIC WEEK OF PRAYER & FASTING 2025

REVELATION 3:1-6

Church of Sardis: Wake Up

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“And to the angel of the church in Sardis write: ‘The words of him who has the seven spirits of God and the seven stars.

*“I know your works. You have the reputation of being alive, but you are dead. ²Wake up, and strengthen what remains and is about to die, for I have not found your works complete in the sight of my God. ³Remember, then, what you received and heard. Keep it, and repent. If you will not wake up, I will come like a thief, and you will not know at what hour I will come against you. ⁴Yet you have still a few names in Sardis, people who have not soiled their garments, and they will walk with me in white, for they are worthy. ⁵The one who conquers will be clothed thus in white garments, and I will never blot his name out of the book of life. I will confess his name before my Father and before his angels. ⁶He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.’
(NIV)*

Today we are looking at God’s message to the church in Sardis. God is about to give a sharp message of correction to this church. Take note of how He approaches the topic in Revelation 1:4-6:

- Grace and peace to you from Christ
- He is the Ruler of all the kings of the world
- He has freed us from our sins
- Has made us a kingdom of priests

It is always His goodness that leads us to repentance (*Romans 2:4*). I find with out fail when God is about to point out one of my sins or strong holds, He always precedes the correction with a reminder of who I am in Him, and to Him. This approach makes me want to hear and change.

God has a great plan for this church, and they are missing out. They have allowed themselves to become so complacent.

What do we know about Sardis?

- Sardis was a wealthy city, (like many of our communities)
- There were many deities, (like many of our communities)
- There was a church in the city that had a few people who were enthusiastic about following Jesus, (like our churches)
- Generally speaking, the leadership and majority of attendees had grown cold in their relationship with Jesus. The church had a lot of programs that looked good but lacked Spiritual life, (like some of our Churches)

In v4,5, we read of a small group of people that are still alive in Christ. They are able to make a difference by staying focused.

If you feel like one of those people mentioned that are alive, but in a dead church, why not find another person of faith and pray for an outpouring of Gods Spirit. Don’t join together to talk about how dead the Pastor is, or the church Board just pray and speak life. Remember, the battle is not ours, it belongs to the Lord.

The final word to all seven churches is the same, “*and let all who have ears to hear, hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.*”

So, why are we praying and fasting as a movement? We are making a statement.

- More than anything I need to hear You Jesus
- I need to be filled with Your Spirit
- I need to be part of a group of Spirit filled believers.
- I need to be empowered to advance the Good News.

Father God, please give us ears to hear. Amen,

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