



## **Sardis**

**Series:** The Seven Letters

**Scripture:** Revelation 3:1-6

**The issue:** a church can look \_\_\_\_\_ on the \_\_\_\_\_ but be spiritually \_\_\_\_\_ on the \_\_\_\_\_.

The church's greatest danger wasn't what was happening \_\_\_\_\_ them. It was what was happening \_\_\_\_\_ them.

We aren't saved by our activity, but \_\_\_\_\_ faith produces a \_\_\_\_\_ life.

### **5 clear commands:**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ (keep watching)
  - The danger is that we can become \_\_\_\_\_ if we get \_\_\_\_\_.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ what remains.
  - God's grace is still at work and gives us the \_\_\_\_\_ to tap into it.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ what you \_\_\_\_\_ and heard.
  - Conversion is a \_\_\_\_\_, not a \_\_\_\_\_.
4. \_\_\_\_\_
  - God's grace doesn't just provide \_\_\_\_\_; it \_\_\_\_\_ us.
5. \_\_\_\_\_
  - It isn't something we do \_\_\_\_\_ from grace; it's one of the ways we \_\_\_\_\_ to the grace that God is already \_\_\_\_\_ toward us.

**The answer to spiritual deadness isn't more \_\_\_\_\_.** It's \_\_\_\_\_ to a life that is \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ.

**Start Talking.**

- If your life came with a “low battery” warning like your phone does, what would be the first sign that you were running spiritually low?
- What do you think is the difference between looking spiritually alive and actually being spiritually alive?

**Start Thinking:**

- Jesus told the church in Sardis, “*You have a reputation of being alive, but you are dead.*” What do you think led them to become spiritually complacent?
- Why can outward religious activity sometimes give us a false sense of spiritual health?
- Pastor Troy said, “Conversion isn’t a finish line; it’s a beginning.” What does that look like practically in your life?
- Which of the commands to Sardis—wake up, strengthen what remains, remember, hold fast, or repent—do you think is most important for a person who has become spiritually apathetic? Why?

**Start Sharing:**

- Have you ever experienced a season when your faith was more about going through the motions than having a vibrant relationship with Christ? What contributed to that?
- What are some signs that might indicate someone is becoming spiritually complacent?
- What does it mean for your life to “live the gospel message” rather than simply believe the gospel message?

**Start Praying:**

- Ask God to reveal where you need to wake you up spiritually right now.
- Is there something in your relationship with Christ that has become routine or passive that you need to surrender to Him?

**Start Doing:**

- Take 15 minutes each day to intentionally reconnect with Jesus. As you spend time in Scripture and prayer, ask: “Jesus, show me where I have become spiritually complacent, and show me what You want me to strengthen.”

Then take a concrete step forward. Don’t simply try to do more. The goal is to abide more deeply in Christ.

- Who is someone you can invite to help you stay spiritually awake and accountable?

**Remember:** You don’t graduate from discipleship. As long as we have breath, God is still calling us deeper into the life of Christ.