

**The Church of the Living Dead!**

*Revelation 3:1-6*

1. Commission v1

* The Background of the Ancient City of Sardis
* Status Today

2. Condemnation v1

* You have a Reputation for being Alive
* They had a Reputation but no Reality
* They had grown Comfortable and become Content
* But the Reality is you are Dead
* They had Activity but no Power, Good works but no Relationship with Jesus
* They once had a great Impact in their city, but now Nothing is happening

3. Correction v2-3

* Jesus’ warning to Sardis and the Church Today: Wake Up!
* Don’t fall Asleep! Don’t become Complacent!
* Jesus will come like a Thief in the night so be Ready!
* Strengthen what remains
* Their Actions were right but their Motives were wrong

4. Characteristics of a “Living Dead” Church

* Living in the Past
* They have a great History but little in the Present
* The value we place on Tradition is more important than our love for Christ
* We live life looking through the rear-view Mirror
* Living with an anemic Prayer Life
* We are not Empowered by the Holy Spirit

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