

# How Would Christ Describe Your Relationship With Him? Part 5

Revelation 3:1-6

Revelation Series

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- I. The Church at Sardis
  - A. Background
    1. Sardis was the **capital** city of the kingdom of Lydia
    2. Sardis, like **Thyatira** (Rev. 2:28), was a commercial trade center (at the junction of five main roads) and also a military center
    3. The upper part of Sardis, the acropolis, was considered to be an **impregnable** fortress
  - B. How Christ revealed Himself to this church (v.1b)
    1. The One who holds the seven spirits of God—reminding us of the **completeness** of the Holy Spirit (Eph. 4:4a; Is. 11:2; Cf Rev. 4:5 & 5:6)
    2. The One who holds the seven stars (v.1b)—reminding us that Christ is the **Ruler** of His church
- C. Things [in the church at Sardis] which Christ approved
  1. **Nothing** (cf. I Cor. 3:10-15; II Cor. 5:10)
- D. Christ's admonition to them
  1. You have a **reputation** of being alive but you are **dead** (v.1c)
  2. **Wake up!** (v.2a)
  3. **Strengthen** what remains but is about to die (v.2b)
  4. Remember what you have received and heard—**obey** it and **repent** (cf. II Pet. 3:15-16)
- E. What is their promised reward if they do repent?
  1. First of all, though the church as a whole was "dead," there were a **faithful** few (v.4)
  2. If you overcome you will be rewarded for your **deeds** and have **assurance** of salvation like the faithful few (v.5; cf. Jn. 6:37)



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