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³ Remember, 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.



⁴ Yet 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.



⁵ The 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.



⁶ He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.'

***How Do God's People
Avoid Becoming Like This
Dead Church?***

Three Keys

Don't Shortcut the Things that Really Matter to God.

1b "I know your works. You have a name that you are alive, but you are dead. **2** Wake up, and strengthen what remains and is about to die, for I have not found your works complete in the sight of my God.

How Does God Measure their Deadness?

Their Name was Not True – They had the appearance of spiritual life, but there was no inner reality.

Their Works were Not Real – They seemed to be producing spiritual output (fruit), but there was no authentic heart.



Be a Listener When God Sounds an Alarm in Your Life.

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Three Commands of Warning

1. **Wake Up** = Become Alert. Recognize the Danger. Move to Action.
2. **Turn Back** = Remember What's True. Return to It. Repent for Leaving God.
3. **Beware** = Know the Alternative.

Find the Courage to Live Life in the Minority.

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Three Promises for Those Who Really Belong to Jesus

1. **Closeness** = Life in the Presence & Blessing of God.
2. **Cleanness** = Cleansing & Forgiveness from Sin. Clothed in God's Own Righteousness.
3. **Confidence** = The Certainty of Eternal Life & Acceptance by God Forever.

God is Looking for Those Who are Ready to Let Him Make all the Difference.

Come to Life.

**WHEN
THE
KING
SPEAKS**

What Jesus Says to His Church

Revelation 1-3

