

The Dying Church at Sardis
Revelation 3:1-6

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A. The Head of the Church in Sardis

1. The Authority to give life-giving power to His church
Rev. 3:1; Rev. 1:4; John 14:15-17, 15:26-27; Rev. 1:16, 20;
Rev. 2:1
2. The Authority who is omniscient and omnipresent
Rev. 3:1; Rev. 1:13; Rev. 2:1; Psalm 139:1-10

B. His condemnations to the church at Sardis

1. Spiritually dead
Rev. 3:1; Acts 2:42-47; 1 Thess. 1:2-10
2. Spiritually deceived
Rev. 3:2; John 15:4-5

C. His warnings to the church at Sardis

1. Be doers of the Word from the heart
Rev. 3:3; Hebrews 2:1-2; James 1:22-25
2. Neglect leads to being unprepared for Jesus' coming
Rev. 3:3; 1 John 2:28-29

D. His promises to the church at Sardis

1. Holy fellowship for all eternity
Rev. 3:4; Rev. 7:12-14; Isaiah 1:18

2. Eternal security
Rev. 3:5-6; Luke 10:17-20

LESSONS LEARNED FROM THE DYING CHURCH

1. Guard against formal external only Christianity.
2. Be doers of the Word to avoid self-deception.
3. Live now like we will then - righteously.
4. Rejoice that our names are in the book of life.