

“The Dead and Almost Dead Church”  
The Church in Sardis  
Revelation 3:1-6

**Background – Sardis means “remnant”**

Located 60 miles east of \_\_\_\_\_ on a northern spur of Mt. Tmolus.

Was the capital city of the kingdom of \_\_\_\_\_.

Temple dedicated to Artemis and to the Asiatic goddess referred to as \_\_\_\_\_. Cybele was believed to possess special power to raise the dead.

City of great wealth and prosperity due to the \_\_\_\_\_ mines.

It was at here that gold and silver coins were struck.

It claimed to be the first to discover the art of dyeing \_\_\_\_\_.

Aesop, of Aesop's \_\_\_\_\_, is believed to have lived here.

Impregnable \_\_\_\_\_ (thought to be) because of its cliffs.

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The Description: 3:1a

Note: 7 spirits = Is. 11:2

Question: How does the description of Jesus indicate the message to the church?

Answer:

The Commendation: 3:4

What commendation does the church receive over all?

Answer:

In particular... (Rev. 3:4 NIV)

Question: What does it mean "not to soil the clothes?"

Answer:

The Condemnation: 3:1b

Questions: What does this mean? How might this be described?

Answer:

The Command: 3:2a,b

Question: What might this refer to?

Answer:

The Counsel: 3:3

Question: What three things does Jesus tell the church they must do if they want to turn this thing around?

Answer:

1.

2.

3.

Question: What does Jesus say that he will do if there is no proper response?

Answer:

What is the overall counsel in 3:5-6?

Examine the following verses and determine what it means to blot out a name from the book of life.

Exodus 17:14

Exodus 32:33

Deut. 9:14

Deut. 29:20

2 Kings 14:27

Ps. 34:16

Ps. 109:15

Answer:

1.

2.

3.

4.

5.

**Application Question:**

What can we learn from the church of Sardis?