

THE SEVEN CHURCHES | THE PRESCRIPTION FOR A DYING CHURCH
REVELATION 3:1-6

Sardis was a former wealthy capital city with a strategic defensive position that was difficult to capture. However, it was captured twice because of the defender's negligence. In John's time, it was a trade center known for textile manufacturing, dying, and jewelry. There was a large temple dedicated to goddess Cybele who was identified with the Greek goddess Artemis. It was there that a church existed that received no commendation, but instead a sobering diagnosis that it was dead. Jesus rebukes this church and commands it to change. He also points out that faithful believers can exist even in this church that was in grave condition. How does Jesus instruct this dying church?

1. The dying church must _____ its _____ and _____ itself as Christ does. 3:1
2. The dying church must _____ up, _____ what is good, and _____ what is essential. 3:2-3
3. Jesus _____ sound _____ even in the midst of the dying church. 3:4-6