

God's Message for Today's Church

A Ten Part Series from: The Book of Revelation!

#8 A Message to the Church in Sardis - Chapter 3:1-6

(Sunday 8th November 2020 with Gympie Baptist Church)

Not Everything is as it appears...

Notes about Sardis:

1) The Church is _____

See also John 7:24, Matthew 7:21-23

Why is the church this way?

a) Rev 3:2b _____
(also 1 John 3:14-18)

b) Rev 3:3-4 _____
(also Isaiah 1:10-20, Zechariah 3, Ephesians 4:17-32, Colossians 3:1-17, James 1:27)

How does this apply today?

c) Rev 3:5 _____
(also Acts 1:8, Matthew 10:32-33)

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2) Jesus desire for the Church in Sardis is D _____ to L _____

4 Commands

a) _____ (v2a)

b) _____ (v2b)

c) _____ (v3a)

d) _____ (v5)

3) 2 Responses for us today –

1) _____

2) _____

Your plan to respond:

Keeping it Real by Going Deeper – This Week.

What STOOD OUT to you?

What PUZZLES you? (With this particular question if you have something that you would like raise or ask one of the pastors/elders please do so. If you do, we may even be able to address these questions in up and coming messages. I am sure others would appreciate any questions that you have raised that we might be able to answer and weave into our messages for the benefit of others as well).

What do we LEARN about God and his people?

How might this APPLY?

1. What are some ways that Christians or churches can appear impressive without having a genuine or healthy spiritual life?

2. Jesus rebukes the ‘dead’ Sardian church because their ‘works’ were ‘not complete’ before God. What are some fundamental ‘works’ that are an indication of spiritual life? What ‘works’ are indications of being spiritually dead? (See also Ephesians 4, Colossians 3, Galatians 5)

3. How hard do you find it to speak to others about Jesus (even at church)? If you find it hard, why do you find it hard? If you find it easy, why do you find it easy? What steps can you take to ‘strengthen’ this area of your spiritual life?

4. What practical steps can we take to make sure we remain spiritually alive and spiritually awake? How do we restore spiritual life when it is weakened or dead?

What will you TALK to God or others about?

How can you pray for our church in response to this passage?

Who is someone who’s encouraged you in your walk with Jesus? How can you encourage them in their walk with Jesus for encouraging you in yours?