

The Church of the Living Dead

Revelation 3:1-6

I. Christ is the Lord of Life

A – He sends the Spirit of Life

B – He sends messengers of Life

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II. Christ knows when he is looking at a dead church

A – It abounds with activity

B – but is otherwise indistinguishable from the nonbelieving world

1 – It forsakes the Christian gospel

2 – It forsakes the Christian way of life

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III. Christ commands the dead church to live again

- A – To wake up to the reality of their spiritual condition
- B – To re-establish their former commitments
- C – To reclaim the centrality of the gospel
- D – To hold fast to what God has said
- E – To forsake the path of the living dead

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IV. Christ promises to bless the revived church

A – He promises everlasting holiness

B – He promises sternal security

C – He promises everlasting identification