

Palmetto Baptist Church – December 18, 2016
Dead or Alive? – Revelation 3:1-6

Inside the Text:

I. The background of the city. (1a)

- A. Sardis was known for its security.

- B. Sardis was known for its prosperity.

- C. Sardis is known for its poetry.

II. The description of the Savior. (1b)

- A. His ministry is comprehensive. (Isaiah 11:2)

- B. His ministry is comforting. (Revelation 1:16, 20; 2:1)

III. The condition of the church. (1c-4)

- A. The church was known for its activity. (1c)

- B. The church was charged with hypocrisy. (1d)

- C. The church was provided an opportunity. (2-4)

IV. The reward of the conqueror. (5-6)

- A. A white robe.
(Rev. 7:9, 13; Rev. 19:8)

- B. A place in the book of life.
(Rev. 13:8; 17:8; 20:12, 15; 21:27; Luke 10:20; Phil. 4:3; Heb. 12:23; Ex. 32:32-33; Ps. 69:28; Dan. 12:1)

- C. Divine mediation.
(Matt. 10:32; Luke 12:8)

- D. Personal invitation.

Apply the Text:

- **Does a broader audience know Palmetto Baptist Church exists?**
 - Move to Powdersville.
 - Work in Powdersville.
 - Serve in Powdersville.
- **Live like you belong in the Book of Life.**
 - Delight in God's Word. (Psalm 1:2; 119:11; Joshua 1:8-9)
 - Walk in the Spirit. (Galatians 5)
 - Respond out of love to God and others. (Matt. 22:37-40; I Cor. 13)
- **Embrace the tension of personal responsibility and divine enabling. (John 13:10)**
 - Rejoice in the white robes from God. (Rev. 3:5; Zechariah 3:3-5)
 - Keep your garments unsoiled. (Rev. 3:4)