

A Nominal Church: Christ Challenged the Church in Sardis

Revelation 3:1-3

- I. Christ wants our church to be what we say we are (3:1, 2b). Christ declared the church of Sardis alive in name only.
 - A. Christ knows our true condition (3:1). Christ said the church was dead.
 - B. Christ expects significant progress (3:2b). Christ found their works inadequate.
- II. Christ wants our church to be aware of its spiritual condition (3:2a, 3a). Christ called the church in Sardis to wake up.
 - A. Christ expects us to be watchful (3:2a). Christ directed the church to become alert.
 - B. Christ expects us to revive what's valuable (3:2a). Christ directed the church to strengthen what remained.
 - C. Christ expects us to bear in mind our commitment to God at first (3:3a). Christ directed the church to remember their first experience of salvation.
 - D. Christ expects us to guard what's valuable (3:3a). Christ directed the church to keep what remained.
 - E. Christ expects us to have his mind about our condition (3:3a). Christ directed the church to change their mind about their condition.
- III. Christ wants our church to be committed to spiritual vigilance (3:2a, 3b). Christ warned the church in Sardis.
 - A. Christ expects us to affirm the danger of spiritual sloth (3:2a). Christ urged the church to act now.
 - B. Christ expects us to receive instruction (3:3b). Christ threatened to come against them.

