

## Sardis

### Wake up! Strengthen What Remains!

#### THE IMAGE OF JESUS

*The words of him who has the seven spirits of God and the seven stars.*

- Seven = completeness or perfection
- The seven spirit of God = the ful\_\_\_\_\_ of God's Spirit = The H\_\_\_\_\_ Sp\_\_\_\_\_
- There is no \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ apart from the Holy Spirit
- All \_\_\_\_\_ are under the comm\_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus. Pastors are to follow His \_\_\_\_\_.

#### WHAT JESUS SEES – THE BAD

*I know your works. You have the reputation of being alive, but you are dead.*

##### What some symptoms of a dead or dying church?

- There is no spirit of p\_\_\_\_\_ in the church. There is no h\_\_\_\_\_ for God's Word. Messages are about s\_\_\_\_\_ -esteem or s\_\_\_\_\_ -improvement. People talk about God in general terms but rarely speak of J\_\_\_\_\_. There is no out\_\_\_\_\_ to the community. There is a lack of e\_\_\_\_\_, or even a desire to share the good news with the community. There is an emphasis on church att\_\_\_\_\_ rather than di\_\_\_\_\_.
- What are we to strengthen? \_\_\_\_\_
- What are we to remember, to keep? \_\_\_\_\_
- Does God discipline those whom He loves? Why? (see Hebrews 12:6-13) \_\_\_\_\_

#### WHAT JESUS SEES – THE GOOD

*Yet you have still a few names in Sardis, people who have not soiled their garments, and they will walk with me in white, for they are worthy.*

- The encouragement is that no church is beyond h\_\_\_\_\_ as long as there is a remnant in it, willing to stre\_\_\_\_\_ the things that remain. Warren Wiersbe
- What does it mean, "they will walk with me in white?" \_\_\_\_\_

#### THE PROMISES – Cross reference Revelation 7:13-17

- Will be clothed thus in \_\_\_\_\_ garments
- I will \_\_\_\_\_ blot his name out of the book of \_\_\_\_\_.
- I will \_\_\_\_\_ his name before my \_\_\_\_\_ and before his angels.

#### APPLYING THE WORD

- Does your faith need a wake-up call? Does your church need a wake-up call?
- How will you strengthen, remember and keep the Lord and His work in the forefront of your life?
- Are you trusting (resting assured) in the promises of Jesus?

