

Revelation 3:1-6 Handout

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Letter to the Church in Sardis

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STRUCTURE REMINDER

- **THE**
- **THE CHURCH**
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THE CORRESPONDENT

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Isaiah 11:2 **ESV**

² And the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.

1. The Spirit of the _____

Luke 4:18–19 **ESV**

¹⁸ "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, ¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

2. The Spirit of Wisdom

Ephesians 1:17 **ESV**

¹⁷ that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him,

3. The Spirit of _____

4. The Spirit of Counsel

5. The Spirit of _____

6. The Spirit of Knowledge

1 Corinthians 12:8 **ESV**

⁸ For to one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit,

7. The Spirit of the _____ of the Lord

THE CHURCH

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The Sardis church was spiritually _____... there was nothing good to say about it.

- It was defiled by the _____, masked with inward _____, and populated by _____ people playing church.

Ephesians 2:1 **ESV**

¹ And you were dead in the trespasses and sins

Revelation 3:4–6 **ESV**

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**1. SARDIS WAS _____ BECAUSE...
THEY COMPROMISED WITH THE FLESH**

Revelation 3:4 **ESV**

⁴ 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 Greek word for “soiled” here is *molyno*.
- It means _____ or _____... to make dirty.
- It’s only used here in the New Testament.

Isaiah 64:6 **ESV**

⁶ We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.

Jude 23 **ESV**

²³ save others by snatching them out of the fire; to others show mercy with fear, hating even the garment stained by the flesh.

Ephesians 5:27 **ESV**

²⁷ so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish.

Revelation 3:18 **ESV**

¹⁸ I counsel you to buy from me gold refined by fire, so that you may be rich, and white garments so that you may clothe yourself and the shame of your nakedness may not be seen, and salve to anoint your eyes, so that you may see.

Revelation 4:4 **ESV**

⁴ Around the throne were twenty-four thrones, and seated on the thrones were twenty-four elders, clothed in white garments, with golden crowns on their heads.

Revelation 6:11 **ESV**

¹¹ Then they were each given a white robe and told to rest a little longer, until the number of their fellow servants and their brothers should be complete, who were to be killed as they themselves had been.

Revelation 7:9 **ESV**

⁹ After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands,

Revelation 7:13 **ESV**

¹³ Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?"

Revelation 7:14 **ESV**

¹⁴ I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

Revelation 19:14 **ESV**

¹⁴ And the armies of heaven, arrayed in fine linen, white and pure, were following him on white horses.

Revelation 19:8 **ESV**

⁸ it was granted her to clothe herself with fine linen, bright and pure"— for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints.

The Church in Sardis had betrayed their Lord by staining their _____ robe given to them that was paid for on the cross.

**2. SARDIS WAS DEAD BECAUSE...
THEY _____ WITH RELIGION**

**3. SARDIS WAS DEAD BECAUSE...
THEY FAILED TO CONFESS CHRIST**

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Matthew 10:32 **ESV**

³² So everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven,

Psalms 69:28 **ESV**

²⁸ Let them be blotted out of the book of the living; let them not be enrolled among the righteous.

Daniel 12:1 **ESV**

¹ "At that time shall arise Michael, the great prince who has charge of your people. And there shall be a time of trouble, such as never has been since there was a nation till that time. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone whose name shall be found written in the book.

Philippians 4:3 **ESV**

³ Yes, I ask you also, true companion, help these women, who have labored side by side with me in the gospel together with Clement and the rest of my fellow workers, whose names are in the book of life.

Revelation 13:8 **ESV**

⁸ and all who dwell on earth will worship it, everyone whose name has not been written before the foundation of the world in the book of life of the Lamb who was slain.

Revelation 17:8 **ESV**

⁸ The beast that you saw was, and is not, and is about to rise from the bottomless pit and go to destruction. And the dwellers on earth whose names have not been written in the book of life from the foundation of the world will marvel to see the beast, because it was and is not and is to come.

Revelation 20:12 **ESV**

¹² And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Then another book was opened, which is the book of life. And the dead were judged by what was written in the books, according to what they had done.

Revelation 20:15 **ESV**

¹⁵ And if anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.

Exodus 32:32–33 **ESV**

³² But now, if you will forgive their sin—but if not, please blot me out of your book that you have written.” ³³ But the Lord said to Moses, “Whoever has sinned against me, I will blot out of my book.

Is your name in the _____?

THE COMMAND

Revelation 3:2–3 **ESV**

² Wake up, and strengthen what remains and is about to die, for I have not found your works complete in the sight of my God. ³ Remember, then, what you received and heard. Keep it, and repent. If you will not wake up, I will come like a thief, and you will not know at what hour I will come against you.

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