



Always on the Brink

Revelation 3:1-6

The Bottom Line: Every church must stay awake and active if they are to stay alive.

Introduction:

Have you ever heard about something being “so good” and then, after experiencing it yourself, you realized it wasn’t as good as you had heard it was?

Few things are more dissatisfying than a discrepancy between reputation and reality.

Today, we are continuing with our series, *Dear Church: Letters from Jesus to His People*.

Truth:

In examining the church at Sardis, Jesus found Himself dissatisfied when He observed an inconsistency between what others were saying and what He was seeing. **Look with me at Revelation 3:1-6.**

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Application & Conclusion:

Every church must stay awake and active if they are to stay alive. It is true for the individuals within and the congregation as a whole. The moment we become complacent in our faith and obedience to Jesus, we detach ourselves from the moving of the Spirit and lose our lifeline.

Thankfully, grace provides a way to begin again when we have lost our way. As someone else once put it, “The perseverance of the saints is 10,000 new beginnings.” That was what Jesus was offering the church at Sardis – a new beginning. Maybe that is what you need today. Maybe that is what we need.

Jesus promises that those who remain faithful to Him will be clothed in white (a symbol of purity, victory, and resurrection) and their names will be listed among the living. So, we pray: “Jesus, let your Spirit and Word come alive in us for God’s glory and continued work in us.”

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches: The God of life gives life to the church when they continue to serve the Lord.

Reflection Questions:

1. What does this teach me about God?

2. What does this teach me about me?

3. How do I apply this to my life?