

You've Got Mail - Sardis

Scripture: Revelation 3: 1-6
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CONDITION

TEACHING

Sardis – in the book of Revelation – was a heavily fortified city that promised life and yet nearby held one of the largest cemeteries in the land. The charge by Jesus was that the church looked alive – to the culture around it – and yet to His all perceiving eyes was lifeless, empty and dead. Jesus called the empty religious persons in his earthly ministry as white washed tombs – they looked good on the outside but were filled with dead on the inside

REFLECTION

Where is Christ calling you to live out your faith – that is hard for you to do?

Where parts of your life of faith struggle to find fullness beyond the pleasures of life found in the world around you?

How do people around you perceive your Christian faith?
Are they accurate in their assessment or not?

CALLING

TEACHING

Jesus challenged the church at Sardis to firstly recognize the gap between how they lived and were called to live, secondly to reinforce the areas of weakness within their faith lives, thirdly to remember God's call to truth and holiness, fourthly to retain these truths ongoingly and finally to repent and turn away from areas that are not of God.

REFLECTION

What hope do you have that Jesus will announce your name in heaven?

What encouragement do you have that you will be given a robe that symbolizes purity, holiness forever?