

**You've Got Mail!**  
A Series of Messages Based  
On the Letters to the Seven Churches  
Of Revelation

*The Letter to the Church At Sardis:  
Renew Commitment*

Revelation 3:1-6

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**Zombie:**  
*The body of a dead person given the  
semblance of life...*  
Dictionary.com

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**Revelation 3:1-6 (English Standard Version)**  
*"And to the angel of the church in Sardis  
write: 'The words of him who has the seven  
spirits of God and the seven stars.  
"I know your works. You have the  
reputation of being alive, but you are dead.  
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.'*

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**Revelation 3:1-6 (English Standard Version)**  
*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. 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.*

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**Revelation 3:1-6 (English Standard Version)**  
*5 The one who conquers will be clothed thus in white garments, and I will never blot his name out of the book of life. I will confess his name before my Father and before his angels. 6 He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.”*

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**Christ Calls “Zombie” Churches/Christians to Renew Their Commitment to Life!**

- Recognize the problem!  
*I know your works. You have the reputation of being alive, but you are dead... for I have not found your works complete in the sight of my God*  
 Revelation 3:1-2 (ESV)

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- **Recognize the problem!**  
*Zombies do not produce anything. They do not accomplish anything. All they do is wander around aimlessly, consuming everything in their path (including non-zombies).*

*Tyler Edwards, Zombie Church  
(Grand Rapids, Kregel, 2011) Kindle Edition*

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- **Recognize the problem!**  
*They are a corrupt and destructive force that taints all they come in contact with. Zombies act like they are alive, but they are dead. They just don't know it yet.*

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*Zombie churches might not look any different from healthy churches, but they are missing an essential ingredient: LIFE*

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*When the church neglects the commission of Jesus – stops ministering to the poor and the hurting and stops sharing the love of God with others – then it stops living.*

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**Christ Calls "Zombie" Churches/Christians to Renew Their Commitment to Life!**

- **Accept the Prescription!**

*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. Remember, then, what you received and heard. Keep it, and repent.*

**Revelation 3:2-3 (ESV)**

**1. Wake up...not walk out!**

**Good doctors don't give up on sick patients**

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**Revelation 3:2-3 (ESV)**

**2. Strengthen**

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Revelation 3:2-3 (ESV)

**3. Remember**

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**4. Keep (Obedience)**

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**5. Repent**

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**A Disciple = A Healthy Christian**

- How many of the 12 Disciples (Apostles) can you name?
- Peter, Andrew, James, John, Philip, Bartholomew, Thomas, Matthew, James (son of Alphaeus), Jude (son of James), Simon the Zealot, Judas Iscariot
- Do you think Jesus knew their names?
- What are the names of the people you are discipling?

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- The warning!  
*"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."*  
Revelation 3:3 (ESV)

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- The Promise!  
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Revelation 3:4-6 (ESV)

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We are either  
***Strengthening***  
Or We are  
***Weakening***  
Christ's Church and/or Our Witness  
in each ***Decision***  
We Make  
to Live For ***Christ...***  
or ***Not.***

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