

“What Does Jesus Want to Say to Our Church?”

Sardis: The Lifeless Church”

Sunday, November 9, 2025, 10:30 a.m.

Whitneyville Bible Church, Alto, MI

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Revelation 3:1-6

BIG IDEA: Don’t live in the past, press forward.

*“I know your works;
you have a reputation for being alive, but you are dead.”
Revelation 3:1c (CSB)*

Commission (v1a)

Character (v 1b)

- Jesus is Life!
- Jesus is Boss!

Commendation (v4)

- Jesus gives credit where credit is due.

Condemnation (v1c, 2b-3)

- Jesus is unimpressed with a church full of the living dead.
- Jesus is unimpressed with unfinished business.

Command (v 2-3)

- Wake up!
- Build up!

- Keep up!
- Show up!
- Back up!

Challenge (v5)

- Conquering overcomers have the right wardrobe.
- Conquering overcomers have their name written down in glory.
- Conquering overcomers have God’s approval.

Call (v6)

- A letter to one church.
- A message for all.

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Read: Re-read Revelation 2:18-29

Think: Ponder Jesus’ message to this church, and then ask yourself the following questions: What does the symbolic name “Jezebel” reveal about the woman in this church? How does Jesus describe Himself? What is He saying about Himself? Why is this appropriate for the church at Thyatira? How does this characterization of Jesus impact you? What are the strengths and weaknesses of this church? How is the nature and source of the temptation in Thyatira like (and unlike) that in Pergamum? What does Jesus’ promise in v 26-28 mean? **Do:** Identify which of the qualities in v 19 apply to you this week and why. Who or what has played a role similar to Jezebel in your life? How? How did the Lord Jesus free you from that influence? Is there anything or anyone you need to “put to bed” that may be bringing you down or may be distracting you from your loyalty to Jesus? What do you appreciate most about the promise to the faithful conquering overcomer in this section? Why?