

REVELATION 3:1-6
Christ and the Churches (part 6)

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1. Ephesus—a _____ church
2. Smyrna—a _____ church
3. Pergamos—a _____ church
4. Thyatira—a _____ church
5. Sardis—a _____ church
6. Sardis was located about _____ miles east of Ephesus and at the junction of _____ main roads; so it was a center for _____. It was also a _____ center, for it was located on an almost _____ plateau.
7. The main religion in Sardis was the worship of _____, one of the “nature cults” that built on the idea of _____ and _____.
8. Sardis was known for its manufacture of _____ garments, a fact that has bearing on Christ’s _____ to the church (v. 5).
9. The city at that time was but a _____ of its former _____; and the church, unfortunately, had become like the city—it was alive in _____ only.
10. Ministry stages: (1) a _____, (2) a _____, (3) a _____, and then (4) a _____ (*Vance Havner*).
11. Sardis was at the “_____” stage, but there was still _____! ...because Christ was the _____ of the church and He was able to bring new _____.
12. He described Himself as the one possessing the seven _____ and the seven _____.
13. There is only _____ Holy Spirit (Eph. 4:4), but the number _____ demonstrates _____ and _____.
14. The sevenfold Spirit of God is pictured as seven _____ (Rev. 4:5) and as seven all-seeing _____ (Rev. 5:6). [Also see Isaiah 11:1-3]
15. All of the church’s man-made _____ can never bring _____, any more than a _____ can resurrect a _____.

16. The church was born when the Spirit of God descended on the Day of _____
(Acts 2), and its _____ comes from the _____.
17. When the Spirit is _____, the church begins to lose _____ and _____.
18. When sin is _____ and church members get right with _____ and with _____, the Spirit infuses new _____ — _____!
19. Christ also controls the seven _____, the messengers of the churches (Rev. 1:20), referring most likely to the _____.
20. Sometimes it is a _____ fault that a church is dying, and the Lord of the church must remove the _____ and put _____ in his place.
21. There are _____ words of commendation to the believers at Sardis.
22. The Lord did not point out any _____ problems that required correction.
23. There is no mention of _____ or _____.
24. The church would have been better off had there been some _____, for it had grown _____ and content and was living on its past _____.
25. Sardis had reputation without _____, form without _____. They gloried in past _____, but ignored present _____.
26. Twice in its long history, the citadel at Sardis had been _____, each time because sentries had _____ to do their jobs _____.
27. When the church's leaders and members get _____ about their ministry, then the _____ finds his way in.
28. No church is beyond hope as long as there is a _____ in it, willing to _____ the things that _____.