

## Revelation 3:1-5

### Sardis



The significance of 'name'

- Name is the word that's translated 'reputation' in (1).
- Name is the word used in (4) translated 'people'.
- And name is the word used twice in (5).

#### 1. Jesus said they were dead (1)

"To the angel of the church in Sardis write:  
These are the words of him who holds the seven spirits of God and the seven stars. I know your deeds; you have a reputation of being alive, but you are dead.

#### 2. Jesus told them to wake up (2-3)

<sup>2</sup>Wake up! Strengthen what remains and is about to die, for I have found your deeds unfinished in the sight of my God. <sup>3</sup>Remember, therefore, what you have received and heard; hold it fast, and repent. But if you do not wake up, I will come like a thief, and you will not know at what time I will come to you.

Jesus then explains how they were to do that with a string of commands.

1. They were to strengthen what remains and is about to die
2. They were to remember what they had received and heard
3. They were to hold it fast
4. They were to repent

### 3. Jesus promised them life (4-5)

<sup>4</sup>Yet you have a few people in Sardis who have not soiled their clothes. They will walk with me, dressed in white, for they are worthy. <sup>5</sup>The one who is victorious will, like them, be dressed in white. I will never blot out the name of that person from the book of life, but will acknowledge that name before my Father and his angels. <sup>6</sup>Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches.

Jesus promised them three things

1. They would be clothed in white garments
2. He would never remove their name from the Book of Life
3. He would personally introduce them to his Father

### Conclusion

Here was a church

1. They had a reputation as being spiritually alive
2. They needed to repent of being spiritually compromised
3. They would be made spiritually secure