



Reclaiming Glory: Hope for a Dying Church
Revelation 3:1-6

Central Idea: In His letter to Sardis, Jesus makes six crucial pronouncements to a dying church and prescribes for them the path to reclaiming glory.

I. The Problem (3:1)

1. Their **Reputation** was not their **Reality**.

II. The Prescription (3:2-3a)

1. **[Wake Up]:** Open your eyes and **accurately assess** the situation!
2. **[Strengthen the things that remain]:** **Revitalize** that which still shows evidence of life!
3. **[Remember what you have received and heard]:** Be **mindful** of God's grace in the gospel!
4. **[Keep it]:** **Obey** God's word!
5. **[Repent]:** Make up your **mind**!

III. The Punishment (3:3b)

1. Swift and unexpected **divine discipline**.

IV. The Praise (3:4a)

1. Christ has not forgotten the faithful remnant who have avoided spiritual **decay** and maintained their godly **character**.

V. The Promise (3:4b-5)

1. The Overcomer will enjoy an **intimate** fellowship with Christ.
2. The Overcomer will enjoy the **imputed** righteousness of Christ.
3. The Overcomer will enjoy a **secure** salvation.

VI. The Proclamation (3:6)

1. This statement reveals that these words are **applicable** to all members – of all churches – for all time.