

# THE CHURCH AT SARDIS

## Revelation 3:1-6

Sardis was known for processing wool and claims to be the first to dye wool.

The “seven spirits” probably refer to the Holy Spirit with the number seven indicating completeness or perfect.

The “seven stars” indicate the pastor of each of the churches in Revelation.

“I know” occurs at the beginning of each of the letters to the seven churches. Nothing is hidden from the all-seeing Christ.

### Concern

- Sardis was known as living, but was actually a dying congregation.
- The church had activity without vitality (11).
- Their deeds were incomplete in God’s eyes.

### Command

- Wake up! (2). Alternate wording: Watching as continual alertness.
- Strengthen what remains (2).
- Remember what you received and heard . . . (3).
- Obey and repent (3).
- If you do not wake up, I will come like a thief (3).

### Commend

- A few faithful who walk with God remain (4).

### Challenge

- Overcomers will be dressed in white (5).
- Overcomers will have their names posted in the book of life.
- Overcomers’ names will be acknowledged before God.
- Hearing people will listen to the Spirit (6).