

# THE SEVEN - A CHURCH THAT DIES

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I. Know your **spiritual** condition.

A. They were **living** in the past. Rev 3:1b

B. They fell **asleep** on the job. Rev 3:2

C. They **forgot** who they are. Rev 3:3

D. They **allowed** sin to creep in. Rev 3:4

II. **Inventory** our life and **renew** our walk. Rev 3:2-3

A. **Wake up.** Eph 5:14b;  
Rom 13:11

B. **Strengthen** what remains. Rev 3:2b

C. **Remember** what you have received and heard. Col 2:6-7

D. **Keep** it. Rev 3:3

E. **Repent.** Rev 3:3

III. Be encouraged in your **faithfulness.** Rev 3:5-6;  
Matt 10:32;  
I Thess 5:2

# SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

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### DISCUSSION:

Read Revelation 3:1-6

1. What is the role of deeds in a church and an individual Christian's life? How do deeds relate to a person's salvation?
2. In verse 2b, Jesus says, "for I have not found your deeds *completed* (Gr.-*Peplērōmena*-to be or become satisfied concerning the requirements or expectations of a contract or promise) in the sight of My God" (NAS). What are some deeds that a church should be doing?
3. What are the dangers of the church having a good reputation in the community? Read Matthew 23:27-28, How does that differ from the Lord calling its deeds complete?
4. Have you ever had a "rude awakening," realizing you were unprepared in some way for what was ahead of you? Describe the actions or inactions that led up to that awakening.
5. In verses 2-3 what do you think Jesus is implying by telling them to "wake up"? How might this directive apply to you and what is an example?
6. The letters to the seven churches use the word "overcome" frequently. What do you think the church in Sardis is being encouraged to overcome in Revelation 3:5? What will be the result if they do?

### APPLICATION:

Related to question 2, what is a deed in your life that the Lord may say is incomplete, either because it's missing or because of wrong motivation? What will you do to correct this?