



INTENT MESSAGING SERIES
 Part Five: "Jesus is Intent on a Life-Giving Church"
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Text: Revelation 3:1-6

THE CHURCH OF THE _____

The city of Sardis was defeated and _____.

The church at Sardis was limp and _____.

"I came so that everyone would have life, and have it in its fullest."
 John 10:10 (CEV)

- Their _____ were dead.
- Their _____ were dead.
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"You should know...that in the last days there will be very difficult times. For people will love only themselves and their money...They will consider nothing sacred. They will be...puffed up with pride, and love pleasure rather than God. They will act religious, but they will reject the power that could make them godly." 2 Timothy 3:1-5 (NLT)

"Wake up, O sleeper, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."
 Ephesians 5:14 (NIV)

RESURRECTION AND _____

1. Wake up and _____.

"Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour." 1 Peter 5:8 (NKJV)

Life-Giving (Cont'd)

2. Repent and _____.

"...The blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without blemish to God, [will] cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God." Hebrews 9:14 (NASB)

3. Hold on to the _____.

"And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit, who lives in you." Romans 8:11 (NIV)

"The Spirit alone gives eternal life. Human effort accomplishes nothing." John 6:63 (NLT)

Rewards for Overcomers:

- Intimate _____ with Christ.
- A name written in the book of _____.
- _____ before the Father.

FATHER GOD, I thank you for your life-giving Spirit. Today I desire a personal resurrection through the power of Jesus Christ. I repent of my sinful, lifeless ways. I choose to follow Jesus as my personal Lord and Savior. Thank you for a brand new life! In Christ's Name, AMEN

RESOURCES FOR THIS WEEK'S SMALL GROUPS

Icebreaker: One by one, finish the phrase, "I feel most alive when..."

Scripture Focus: Let each member share a verse from this teaching--one that spoke to them personally. How does it speak to them?

Discussion Focus: How can we live a more abundant life this week?

Prayer Focus: Pray for each person to be refilled with God's Spirit.

REMEMBER to give an offering for the needy in your group this week, for God has promised us a rich reward (Det. 15:11, Psalm 41:1)