**STUDY IN REVELATION**

 **Chap 3:1-6 wk8 Church in Sardis**

**The foundation of the church is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_. (Matthew 16:13-18)**

**Review: Thyatira the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ church. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ how?**

**Background tonight: Sardis is the capital of Lydia, was an important city because it was 50 miles east of Ephesus at the junction of five main roads. It was the center of trade. It was also a military center, for it was located on an almost inaccessible plateau. It had high walls and 1,500 foot cliffs around it making it impregnable. (So the people thought, it was overrun twice in its history 547BC and 214BC.) Main religion in the city was the worship of Artemis or (Dianna) one of the “nature cults” that built on the idea of rebirth, fertility, hunting, death. Sardis was also known for its manufacture of woolen garments).**

**Sardis the FEEBLE church. What does feeble mean?**

1. **What vision of Jesus in chapter one, can you find in this letter? (3:1)**
2. **What do you think this vision means?**
3. **Why do you think Jesus emphasizes here that he has the Spirit? (v. 1b)**

 **4. What does the word “reputation” mean here?**

 **5. For what does the Lord commend the church in Sardis?**

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 **- So what does the word “alive” mean?**

1. **So what does Jesus say Sardis must do and what does that look like?**
* **Why is it not just good enough to wake up?**

**SIDE THOUGHT: What do you think are contributing factors to Sardis being overrun**

 **twice in history?**

1. **What happens if they don’t strengthen what remains?**
2. **Has Sardis been judged by God yet? Why or why not? (v. 2b)**
3. **So is Sardis dead without any hope of recovery? Why?**
4. **So what does Sardis have to do to recover?**
5. **What will happen if Sardis continues in the direction they are going?**
6. **What does soiled your clothes mean?**
7. **What makes some of the Sardis church worthy to wear white? And how?**
8. **Why would blotting out or erasing your name from the Book of Life be easily understood by the Sardis people? (Acts 22:24-30)**
9. **What is the warning and encouragement we find in tonight’s lesson?**