



DEAR CHURCH: WAKE UP!

"¹Write this letter to the angel of the church in Sardis. This is the message from the one who has the sevenfold Spirit of God and the seven stars: I know all the things you do, and that you have a reputation for being alive but you are dead. ²Wake up! Strengthen what little remains, for even what is left is almost dead. I find that your actions do not meet the requirements of my God. ³Go back to what you heard and believed at first; hold to it firmly. Repent and turn to me again. If you don't wake up, I will come to you suddenly, as unexpected as a thief. ⁴Yet there are some in the church in Sardis who have not soiled their clothes with evil. They will walk with me in white, for they are worthy. ⁵All who are victorious will be clothed in white. I will never erase their names from the Book of Life, but I will announce before my Father and his angels that they are mine. ⁶Anyone with ears to hear must listen to the Spirit and understand what he is saying to the churches." Revelations 3:1-6 nlt

Introduction:

"¹⁷And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him. ²³And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men," Colossians 3:17 y 23

"¹³You are the salt of the earth. But what good is salt if it has lost its flavor? Can you make it salty again? It will be thrown out and trampled underfoot as worthless. ¹⁴You are the light of the world like a city on a hilltop that cannot be hidden. ¹⁶In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father." Matthew 5:13-14 y 16 nlt

"¹⁴These things I write to you, though I hope to come to you shortly; ¹⁵but if I am delayed, I writes o that you may know how you ought to conduct yourself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth. ¹⁶And without controversy great is the [□]mystery of godliness: God was manifested in the flesh, Justified in the Spirit, Seen by angels, Preached among the Gentiles, Believed on in the world, Received up in glory." 1 Timothy 3:14-16

1. The Church is relevant for its _____.

"¹⁴... Jesus told them, "These claims are valid even though I make them about myself. For I know where I came from and where I am going, ..." John 8:14

"¹³But now you have been united with Christ Jesus. Once you were far away from God, but now you have been brought near to him through the blood of Christ. ¹⁹So now you Gentiles are no longer strangers and foreigners. You are citizens along with all of God's holy people. You are members of God's family." Ephesians 2:13 y 19 nlt

"⁹But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; ¹⁰who once were not a people but are now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy." 1 Peter 2:9-10

2. The Church is relevant for its _____.

*"⁹But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light."
1 Peter 2:9 niv*

*"²³But you must continue to believe this truth and stand firmly in it. Don't drift away from the assurance you received when you heard the Good News. The Good News has been preached all over the world, and I, Paul, have been appointed as God's servant to proclaim it."
Colossians 1:23 nlt*

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3. The Church is relevant for its _____.

"³⁵Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away." Matthew 24:35 niv

Conclusion:

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Revelations 3:1-6 nlt*

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