

# *Lessons from Sardis*

## Revelation 3:2-3

“BE WATCHFUL, AND STRENGTHEN THE THINGS WHICH REMAIN, THAT ARE READY TO DIE; FOR I HAVE NOT FOUND THY WORKS PERFECT BEFORE GOD. REMEMBER THEREFORE HOW THOU HAST RECEIVED AND HEARD, AND HOLD FAST, AND REPENT.”

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## *Introduction*

### Important Notes about Sardis:

- 5<sup>th</sup> out of 7 Asian churches in Revelation.
- Did not receive a commendation.
- Did receive a “pointed constructive advice.”
- Did receive a “heavy censure.”

## *Background*

Sardis was called a “dying” church.

They were considered “Christian” in name only.

Sardis was the capital of Lydia.

- Wealthy (gold mines), fertile land
- Military power
- Sat upon a major trade route

# *Lesson 1: Be Watchful*

Mark 13:37,

“And what I say unto you I say unto all, Watch.”

1 Thessalonians 5:6; 1 Peter 5:8 highlight SOBER

Greek calls for “readiness.” 1 Timothy 3:2

## *Lesson 1: Be Watchful*

**1 Corinthians 16:13**, “Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men; be strong.”

- Watch like a Christian
- Act like a Christian
- Think like a Christian

Without being watchful, we can be overtaken by sin.

## *Lesson 2: Strengthen that which remains*

**Matthew 26:41**, “Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.”

**2 Timothy 2:1** –Be strong in the grace that is in Jesus.

**Ephesians 6:10** –Be strong in the Lord/power of might.

## *Lesson 2: Strengthen that which remains*

**Philippians 4:13** –Our strength comes from Jesus.  
-Strength for Service

Is our call any different?

- Maintain constant alert
- Remain continual in prayer
- Fight daily against sin

## *Lesson 3: Remember*

**Remember:** 1. How you received, 2. How you heard, 3. How you held fast, 4. How you repented.

**1 Corinthians 15:1-2**, “Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you **the gospel which I preached unto you**, which also ye have **received**, and wherein **ye stand**; by which also ye **are saved**, if ye **keep in memory** what I preached unto you, **unless ye have believed in vain.**”

## *Lesson 3: Remember*

Remembering is ...

-a continual activity. **Psalm 77:11**

-applying what is being held in memory. **2 Peter 3:2**

-able to spur repentance. **Jonah 2:7**

# Conclusion

## Results:

“...therefore thou shalt not watch, I will come on thee as a thief, and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee.” v. 3

What will your answer be?

# Invitation

Need to give your life to Jesus?

- Hear
- Believe
- Repent
- Confess
- Be Baptized
- Live Faithfully

Need to return to Jesus?

- Repent
- Pray God's Forgiveness
- Live Faithfully