



Synod of the Diocese of West Malaysia

St Mary's Cathedral

Making disciples of Jesus Christ

To The Church In Sardis (Revelation 3:1-6)

The city of Sardis had a long and proud history as an ancient center of wealth, culture, and commerce.



Read Revelation 3:1-6

1. How does Jesus describe himself? (Recall Rev 1:4,20)
2. What does Jesus know about the church in Sardis?
3. How do you think the Sardis church would feel hearing this verdict?
4. From what Jesus has said to Ephesus (2:2,3) and Thyatira (2:19) what are the works that please God?
5. ***How is it possible for a church that is neglecting the things that please God to still have a reputation of being alive?***
6. What does Jesus tell the church in Sardis to do?

7. What warning does Jesus give this church?

8. How do the following verses help us understand Jesus coming as a thief?
 - a. Matthew 24:42-44
 - b. 2 Peter 3:10
 - c. Revelation 16:15

9. Jesus praises the faithful in Sardis using an image of unsoiled garments (v4). Read Jude 20-23. How do those who are faithful keep their garments clean?

10. Even with our best efforts, it's not possible to live perfectly and be completely unsoiled! What is so good about what Jesus promises to the ones who overcome/conquer? See also Rev 7:9-10,13-14; 19:7-8; 22:14.

11. As if that's not enough, what else does Jesus promise (v5)?

12. ***What is our reputation as a church? Are the things we are known for things that please God?***

13. ***What can we pray for the church and ourselves in response to this passage?***

To explore the Book of Life, consider the following passages:

Exodus 32:33; Philippians 4:3; Revelation 13:8; 17:8; 20:11-15; 21:27