

A Spiritual Health Check
6. Reputation (Revelation 3v1-6)

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Introduction

- Living off past reputation?
- The church in **Sardis**:

The danger (v1)

- Reputation
- Reality

The surprise (v3b)

- Jesus' coming

The remedy (v2-3a)

- Wake up and strengthen
- Remember and repent

The promise (v4-6)

- Fellowship
- Security

Conclusion

Revelation 3v1-6 (NIV)

¹ “To the angel of the church in Sardis write:

These are the words of him who holds the seven spirits of God and the seven stars. I know your deeds; you have a reputation of being alive, but you are dead.

² Wake up! Strengthen what remains and is about to die, for I have found your deeds unfinished in the sight of my God. ³ Remember, therefore, what you have received and heard; hold it fast, and repent. But if you do not wake up, I will come like a thief, and you will not know at what time I will come to you.

⁴ Yet you have a few people in Sardis who have not soiled their clothes. They will walk with me, dressed in white, for they are worthy. ⁵ The one who is victorious will, like them, be dressed in white. I will never blot out the name of that person from the book of life, but will acknowledge that name before my Father and his angels. ⁶ Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches.”