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Message Series: The 7 Churches of Revelation: Times of Fire”

Today’s Message: Sardis: The Slumbering Church

Ephesians 3:14-20

1. “You Have A Reputation... BUT Are Dead.”

Revelation 3:1

Galatians 6:3

Luke 6:46

Mark 7:6

“the 7 spirits of God” - Represent the fullness of the Holy Spirit, Who makes the Church Alive, pulsating with live!

Notice: “He can rescue a dying Church and make it a Living Force in the community. He dwells within you; but does He fill you? You possess Him; but does He possess you?” ~John Stott

Ephesians 1:17

2. “Wake Up! ... Your Deeds Unfinished...”

Revelation 3:2

Ephesians 5:6-16

Romans 13:11

◆ “If you’re not dead, you’re not done.” ~Craig Groeschel

1 Peter 5:10, 11

Acts 20:24

Revelation 20:10-15 Revelation 3:2, 3

Sardis: as time’s got more difficult (persecution and resistance), grew complacent - began to do things, even good things, out of habit, tradition, duty or obligation.

Zephaniah 1:12-14

Decline and Fall of Roman Empire: (Gibbons)

- 1) People regarded all religions as equally true (relativism)
- 2) Philosophers regarded all religions as equally False (agnosticism)
- 3) Politicians regarded all religions as equally useful (opportunism)

3. The Take-A-Way For Me and You

Revelation 3:4-6

Revelation 20:12, 15

Matthew 24:9-13

Hebrews 3:12-14

⇒ Where is God calling you to wake up?