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REVELATION 1:11

... "WRITE WHAT YOU SEE IN A BOOK AND
SEND IT TO THE SEVEN CHURCHES,
TO EPHESUS AND TO SMYRNA AND TO PERGAMUM
AND TO THYATIRA AND TO SARDIS AND
TO PHILADELPHIA AND TO LAODICEA."

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1"AND TO THE ANGEL OF THE CHURCH IN SARDIS WRITE: 'THE WORDS OF HIM WHO HAS THE SEVEN SPIRITS OF GOD AND THE SEVEN STARS. "I KNOW YOUR WORKS. YOU HAVE THE REPUTATION OF BEING ALIVE, BUT YOU ARE DEAD. 2WAKE UP, AND STRENGTHEN WHAT REMAINS AND IS ABOUT TO DIE, FOR I HAVE NOT FOUND YOUR WORKS COMPLETE IN THE SIGHT OF MY GOD. 3REMEMBER, THEN, WHAT YOU RECEIVED AND HEARD. KEEP IT, AND REPENT. IF YOU WILL NOT WAKE UP, I WILL COME LIKE A THIEF, AND YOU WILL NOT KNOW AT WHAT HOUR I WILL COME AGAINST YOU.

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4YET YOU HAVE STILL A FEW NAMES IN SARDIS, PEOPLE WHO HAVE NOT SOILED THEIR GARMENTS, AND THEY WILL WALK WITH ME IN WHITE, FOR THEY ARE WORTHY. 5THE ONE WHO CONQUERS WILL BE CLOTHED THUS IN WHITE GARMENTS, AND I WILL NEVER BLOT HIS NAME OUT OF THE BOOK OF LIFE. I WILL CONFESS HIS NAME BEFORE MY FATHER AND BEFORE HIS ANGELS. 6HE WHO HAS AN EAR, LET HIM HEAR WHAT THE SPIRIT SAYS TO THE CHURCHES."

—REVELATION 3:1-6

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"SARDIS WAS A RELIC OF THE PERIOD OF BARBARIC WARFARE (EARLY IN THE ROMAN EMPIRE), WHICH LIVED RATHER ON ITS ANCIENT PRESTIGE THAN ON ITS SUITABILITY TO PRESENT CONDITIONS... NO CITY SHOWED SUCH MELANCHOLY CONTRAST BETWEEN PAST SPLENDOR AND PRESENT DECAY." —WM. RAMSAY

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I. OBSERVE THE AUTOPSY OF A DYING CHURCH

(REVELATION 3:1)

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³JESUS ANSWERED HIM,
"TRULY, TRULY, I SAY TO YOU,
UNLESS ONE IS BORN AGAIN HE
CANNOT SEE THE KINGDOM OF GOD." ...
⁵JESUS ANSWERED, "TRULY, TRULY,
I SAY TO YOU, UNLESS ONE IS BORN
OF WATER AND THE SPIRIT,
HE CANNOT ENTER THE KINGDOM
OF GOD. ⁶THAT WHICH IS BORN
OF THE FLESH IS FLESH, AND
THAT WHICH IS BORN OF THE SPIRIT
IS SPIRIT. ⁷DO NOT MARVEL THAT
I SAID TO YOU, 'YOU MUST BE
BORN AGAIN.'" —JOHN 3:3, 5-7

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MISSION > MOVEMENT > MINISTRY > MONUMENT > MORGUE

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"THE NECROSIS WAS SPREADING AND
ENDANGERED THE WHOLE BODY,
BUT THE SITUATION WAS NOT PAST
SALVAGING IF THEY WOULD LISTEN
TO THE GREAT PHYSICIAN'S
DIAGNOSIS AND REMEDIES FOR
HEALING. HOPE WAS FADING
AND TIME WAS RUNNING OUT,
BUT IT WAS NOT YET BEYOND
A CURE. CHRIST IS EXACTLY
WHO THEY NEED AND
HIS PRESCRIPTION FOR A
POSSIBLE RECOVERY IS WHAT
THEY DEFINITELY MUST HEAR."

—DR. DANIEL AKIN

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"WE ARE A PEOPLE RELIANT UPON THE STRENGTH
FOUND IN THE ACTIVE WORK OF GOD'S SPIRIT
IN AND THROUGH OUR LIVES. OUR MOTTO:
'WE CAN'T BUT HE CAN.' APART FROM THIS,
WE HAVE LITTLE TO ENCOURAGE EACH OTHER
AND TO OFFER THE LOST WORLD.

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THE GREAT REALITY OF THE CHURCH IS: GOD!
GOD IS REAL, ALIVE, AND ACTIVE IN THE WORLD.
ALL WE DO AND WE ARE ABOUT IS BASED UPON
HIS WORK IN HIS PEOPLE—THE CHURCH."

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2. CONSIDER THE ADMONITION
OF THE LIVING CHRIST
(REVELATION 3:2-4)

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1
WAKE UP

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"THIS ADMONITION SUGGESTS THAT THE CHURCH WAS NOT YET ENTIRELY BEYOND HOPE. IT WAS NOT TOO LATE TO AWAKEN FROM SPIRITUAL LETHARGY; THERE STILL REMAINED A RESIDUUM OF LIFE WHICH COULD BE REVIVED.

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BUT UNLESS SUCH A REVIVAL OCCURS, THIS SMALL REMAINDER WILL ALSO FALL SUBJECT TO SPIRITUAL DEATH."

—GEORGE LADD

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¹¹BESIDES THIS YOU KNOW THE TIME, THAT THE HOUR HAS COME FOR YOU TO WAKE FROM SLEEP. FOR SALVATION IS NEARER TO US NOW THAN WHEN WE FIRST BELIEVED. ¹²THE NIGHT IS FAR GONE; THE DAY IS AT HAND. SO THEN LET US CAST OFF THE WORKS OF DARKNESS AND PUT ON THE ARMOR OF LIGHT. ¹³LET US WALK PROPERLY AS IN THE DAYTIME, NOT IN ORGIES AND DRUNKENNESS, NOT IN SEXUAL IMMORALITY AND SENSUALITY, NOT IN QUARRELING AND JEALOUSY. ¹⁴BUT PUT ON THE LORD JESUS CHRIST, AND MAKE NO PROVISION FOR THE FLESH, TO GRATIFY ITS DESIRES.

—ROMANS 13:11-14

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2

STEP UP

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3

CALL UP

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"WE ADMINISTER GREAT PROJECTS,
AND WE CREATE IMPRESSIVE COMMITTEES,
BUT WE OFTEN LEAVE THE HOLY SPIRIT OUT.
HE HAS RIGHTLY BEEN CALLED THE
'FORGOTTEN MEMBER OF THE TRINITY.'"

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ONLY WHEN THE CHURCH OF CHRIST
IS FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT OF CHRIST
CAN SPIRITUAL DEATH BE BANISHED
AND A NAME FOR LIFE HAVE ANY REALITY
BEHIND IT." —JOHN STOTT

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4

KEEP UP

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"WE MUST BE AS COMMITTED TO OBEDIENCE
AS WE ARE TO ORTHODOXY."
—CHARLES SWINDOLL

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5

OWN UP

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3. HEAR THE SPIRIT
CALLING US TODAY
(REVELATION 3:6)

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A DEAD CHURCH...

- WORSHIPS ITS PAST
- IS RESISTANT TO CHANGE
- HAS CARNAL, LAZY LEADERSHIP
- NEGLECTS CHILDREN AND YOUTH
- LACKS EVANGELISTIC AND MISSIONARY ZEAL

—CHARLES SWINDOLL

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"FINALLY, A DEAD CHURCH LACKS EVANGELISTIC AND MISSIONARY ZEAL. TURNED INWARD ON THEIR OWN NEEDS, PREFERENCE AND COMFORT, UNHEALTHY CHURCHES GIVE HALFHEARTED ATTENTION TO THE CONVERSION OF THE LOST. IN CONTRAST, LIVING CHURCHES DEVOTE TIME, RESOURCES AND ENERGY TO BOTH LOCAL EVANGELISM AND WORLDWIDE MISSIONS. IN THE MESSAGE TO SARDIS, WE SAW CHRIST REVEALED AS THE LIFE-GIVER. HE ALONE GRANTS SPIRITUAL VITALITY TO THOSE WITH A COMATOSE AND DYING FAITH.

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IN LIGHT OF HIS URGENT ALARM TO SARDIS, ALL OF US WHO TEND TOWARD SPIRITUAL STUPOR MUST TURN FROM STALE AND SAFE RELIGIOUS ROUTINES AND EMBRACE THE ABUNDANT LIFE ONLY CHRIST CAN PROVIDE. HE EXTENDS A SINCERE INVITATION TO YOU RIGHT NOW. IF YOU FEEL THE STIFFNESS OF SPIRITUAL RIGOR MORTIS SETTING IN, TAKE CHRIST'S WORDS TO HEART: WAKE UP AND DECLARE YOUR DEVOTION."

—CHARLES SWINDOLL

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