

Zion Christian Assembly, Inc.

Berean Hour

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The Churches of Revelation

Part Two

**Revelation 3:1-6**, Sardis, the Feeble Church

There are no words of commendation given to the church at Sardis. Nor were there doctrinal problems to be corrected. There is no mention of opposition or persecution.

**Accusation:** "I know your works, that you have a name that you are alive, but you are dead."

**Admonition:** Be watchful. Wake up. Repent.

**Revelation 3:7-13**, Philadelphia the Faithful Church

God had given opportunities to ministry but there were at least two obstacles to overcome:

1. Their lack of strength
2. The opposition of the Jews

**Approval:** Because you have kept my command to preserve, I also will keep you from the hour of trial

- He will take care of their enemies
- He will keep them from tribulation
- He would honor them

**Admonition:** Hold fast to what you have

**Revelation 3:14-22**, Laodicea, the Foolish Church

**Accusation:** "I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot."

1. They had lost their vigor
2. They had lost their values
3. They had lost their vesture

**Admonition:** Buy gold refined in the fire that they may be rich and be clothed with white garments

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