



## TALK IT OVER

The Church of Sardis

### BOTTOM LINE

Jesus didn't come to make us LOOK alive. He came to MAKE us alive from the inside out.

### CONVERSATION STARTER

What song reminds you of summer? If you could have an endless supply of any summer treat, what would it be?

### THINGS TO CONSIDER

What did you hear?

What do you think?

What will you do?

### RESOURCES

- The Daily: [newpointe.org/daily](https://newpointe.org/daily)
- 4.5-minute [Intro to the Church at Sardis](#)

### KEY VERSES AND QUOTES

*I know your deeds, that you have a reputation that you are alive, but in reality, you are dead. Wake up then, and strengthen what remains that was about to die, because I have not found your deeds complete in the sight of my God. Therefore, remember what you received and heard, and obey it, and repent. If you do not wake up, I will come like a thief, and you will never know at what hour I will come against you. But you have a few individuals in Sardis who have not stained their clothes, and they will walk with me dressed in white, because they are worthy. The one who conquers will be dressed like them in white clothing, and I will never erase his name from the book of life but will declare his name before my Father and before his angels. The one who has an ear had better hear what the Spirit says to the churches. Revelation 3:1-6 NET*

Jesus: "The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full." John 10:10 NIV

Jesus: "I have told you all this so that you may have peace in me. Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows. But take heart, because I have overcome the world." John 16:33 NLT

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Why do you think Sardis "looked the part" but didn't live it? Why do you think it is so easy and common for Christians to have a reputation bigger than their lives? How does it happen? How have you experienced a "reputation disorder"? Indications that despite your reputation you are losing your pulse include living in past experiences, anemic growth, and disconnection. Discuss. What is the evidence that my spiritual life is truly my priority and I have life? What does it mean that too many Christians get stuck in the repentance cycle? Forgiveness demands change—Jesus wants us to be more than "saved"—and not just "do more." He wants us to finish the process and move into real life. Discuss. How can a person do that? God's goal for us is that we overcome. What does overcoming look like for you?

### ACTION STEP

My spiritual life must be my priority. I know my reputation is larger than reality in this area: \_\_\_\_\_

I will finish the process by \_\_\_\_\_