

**Lesson 6**

“Dying of Apathy”

*Revelation 3:1-6*

The Culture of the Church- Sardis (3:1a)

* Culturally, they were legendary.
* Geographically, they were intimidating.
* Economically, they were wealthy.
* Politically, they were forgotten.
* Architecturally, they were impressive.
* Religiously, they were sophisticated and morbid.
* Morally, they were indifferent.

The Character of Christ (Rev. 3:1b)

* Jesus holds the life-giving Spirit. ~ *He that hath the seven Spirits of God*
* Jesus holds the needy church.~ *and the seven stars*

The Compliments for the Church

* Their only compliment isn’t actually a compliment.

The Criticisms of the Church (3:1c, 2b)

* They had a reputation of life. ~ *thou hast a name that thou livest*
* They had a reality of death. ~ *and art dead*
* They weren’t reaching God’s standard for them. ~ *I have not found thy works perfect before God.*

The Corrections for the Church (3:2-3a)

* Wake up. ~ *Be watchful.*
* Strengthen what you have. ~ *And strengthen the things which remain.*
* Remember true Christianity. ~ *Remember therefore how thou has received and heard*
* Hold Strong. ~ *and hold fast*
* Repent of your complacency. ~ *and repent*

The Consequences for the Church (3:3b-4)

* For those who don’t repent, judgment. ~ *I will come on thee as a theif, and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee.*
  + Jesus will come powerfully.
  + Jesus will come surprisingly.
* For those who walk purely, reward. ~ *Thou hast a few names even in Sardis which have not defiled their garments; and they shall walk with me in white: for they are worthy.*
  + They will walk with Jesus.
  + They will wear white.
  + They are worthy.

The Conquering for the Church (3:5)

* Overcomers will wear white clothes. *~ the same shall be clothed in white rainment*
* Overcomers will not be blotted out. *~ And I will not blot out his name out of the book of life*
* Overcomers will be recognized by Jesus. *~ I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels.*

The Call to the Churches (3:6)

*He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.*

**Prayer**

**Scripture**: The LORD of hosts is with us;

The God of Jacob is our refuge. Selah.

Psalm 46:11

College Student of the Night: Kylie West

* Senior @ BJU
* Overall class load

Single Focus/Cross Impact Requests:

* Cross Impact IUPUI, Purdue, and UIndy
* Single Focus
  + Growth in community
* Sunday Soul-Winning Efforts

Specific Requests:

* Jack Elms, Kendall Elms, Jesiah Achenbach in military training/service
* Joseph LaPointe’s back and spirit
* Trevor’s need for community at Indiana State
* Jessica’s Unsaved friend in Mormonism
* Zirkles as Ronda goes through cancer treatments
* Xavion’s court situation
* Sarah’s family’s salvation

**Announcements:**

* Sunday Night, October 22- SNF- 2024 Activity Brainstorming Night
* Adopt-a-College-Student

**Order of Service for tonight:**

**Service Theme**: Be Still and Know that He is God

* **Opening Game**:  October Lowdown
* **Announcements**:
* **Opener**: Andy
* **Songs**:
  + Be Still, My Soul- page 17
  + Still, My Soul, Be Still – page 113
* **Prayer**:
  + College Student of the Week: Kylie West

**Message**: Pastor Andy