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Be Alert and Alive – Sardis Revelation 3:1-6

I) The Lord Identified V.1a

- To angel (messenger) of church. Jesus is source.
- 7 spirits God & 7 stars. Revelation 1:4; 4:5.
- (Some suggest from Isaiah 11:2 & Zechariah 4).
- 7 stars described in Revelation 1:12-16.

II) Works are Known V.1b

- Knows work (see also Revelation 2:2, 19).
- God also aware of motive for service. Sincere, not show.

III) Reality Disclosed V.1b-3

- Jesus notes reputation/name made. Known as alive!
- Good name/reputation. We are His ambassadors (2 Corinthians 5:20).
- Reputed to be alive but are dead!
- Compare with: Isaiah 29:13, Matthew 15:7-9, 2 Timothy 3:5.
- V.2 Calls church to awaken, rekindle embers or die.
- V.3 Similar challenge to Ephesus (where have been). Recall how you started, obey, and repent.
- If ignore, He comes as a thief without them knowing.

IV) Encouragement to Overcome V.4-6

- Hope, some walk rightly. Clean.
- Names in Book of Life. Acknowledged by Jesus.

Application:

- Call to be alive, alert, real! No pretending or just busy.
- Rid of hypocrisy – Be alive in Christ, not just say are.
- Return to basics, obey & repent.
- Matthew 7:21-23
- Genuine faith, name in Book of Life.
- Show the truth of Jesus in you.