

# Alive but Dead

**MAIN SCRIPTURES:** Revelation 1:1-20; Mark 1: 1-; Revelation 3: 1-6

**Supporting Scriptures:** Galatians 2:20; Romans 14:23; Matthew 5:20; Matthew 23:2-5,23-24; Matthew 6: 1- 6; Hebrews 4:12; 1 Samuel 16:7; Matthew 9:36; Matthew 15:32;Matthew 15:32 1 Chronicles 28:29; Luke 19 41- 44

Repent ye and believe the Gospel- that's the message of Jesus and the attitude of those who want to be apart of his kingdom he demands repentance and belief in the gospel and message of Jesus.

The testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy - truth.

These were churches scattered across Asia the messiah, the one who is the beginning, and the end says to John write to these churches. I am giving you a message for the church Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamum, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia, and Laodicea.

The message gave of the cont of all these churches. It is God's observation and commendation and warnings to the various assemblies. God's judgment, God's review of the condition of the assemblies. He says to John write, let them understand that there are things that will take place, document it in this book.

Sardis is a church filled with activities. Take note that this church was not void of works, the externalities were present. It was a church that the Lord took notice that there were several activities in this church. God said I know your works. Your works have given you a name that you are alive but under careful consideration, I recognize you are dead. You are dead because you don't adhere to the testimony of Jesus which is the spirit of prophecy in other words you don't understand spiritual truth. And because of that, you are filled with activities but there is no inner connection to the source. You are dead. What you have received from the beginning, what Jesus commanded us to do you have left it.

The question is do you understand what that means (Galatians 2:20) we boast that we have been crucified in Christ but the eyes of the Lord carefully examine us and we recognize that Christ is not living in us. We are void empty we boast that we are alive but we are dead.

Romans 14:23 - any action of the believer, not executed in faith is sin. You have activities and your activities have given you a name that you are alive but you are dead. Watch and strengthen that which remains... your works are not perfect before God. We must remember the words of Jesus in Matthew 5:20 - our righteousness must be above the Pharisees

Matthew 23:2-5,23-29 Pharisees righteousness (practice what they teach but don't follow their example) They do things for a show (Sardis I am watching you)

Tithe but ignore justice mercy and faith. Don't neglect the important things. Doing the things that others can see but fail to do the things that are required of you.

Made a name for yourself but you are filled with dead men's bones and impurity on the inside. The Lord is saying the church must have works but the works of the church are produced by the spirit of the Lord and if we are not in a relationship with him we can't produce anything that pleases him.

Matthew 6: 1- 6; Hebrews 4:12

From these letters, we recognize God takes note of everything.

When the word is read and preached it pricks the heart. As Peter preached on the day of Pentecost and the people cried out what shall we do? Not very Long ago we were in the assembly 7071 Kipling and the lord reveals something and I preached the word of God as he gave and by the time the service ended a

man met me and confronted me he said to me we know you are powerful but you don't have to preach so hard., I said what do you mean, he said your word they are piercing me you don't have to preach it so heard, I said the word of God is sharper than any two-edged sword and he said I know but you are digging up things I don't want to go back to

Everything is naked before his eyes. Having church and enjoying different areas of ministry but not from a relationship with Christ. Works without a connection and the Lord looks and said oh my church I see your activities but you don't recognize my observation you are so consumed by what others say about you and I have something to say and its more important than any man. I recognize that the name you have is not real. You said you are alive but you are dead. Oh be watchful and strengthen the things that remain that are ready to die...

1 Samuel 16:7 - the Lord doesn't see things the way you see them the Lord looks at the heart. You have your name by what men see but God doesn't look at the outward appearance. I recon size that everything they do is for a show and I look on the inside and when I look on the outside its beautiful but inside they are dead.

1 Chronicle 28:29 - these words should allow us to tremble.

The church is called to carry out the ministry of Jesus and it is shown clearly in his compassion for people  
Matthew 9:36

Here we understand that the eyes of the Lord are always on the crowd and so is it that the church as the body of Christ carrying out the ministry of Jesus. The compassion that Jesus has is the compassion that we should have, not works trying to have our own ministry. When Jesus saw how confused the crowds were the bible said he was moved with compassion. Because he recognized they are sheep without a shepherd when he went to the temple he saw men selling and merchandising the people and when he recognize what was happening he did not see mercy, faith but he saw the works of men and he was moved... the zeal of the lord eaten him up and he overturned the tables, rebuking them and said my Father's house must be a house of prayer but you have made it a den of thieves. Robbers hypocrites get out of my Fathers house. Compassion- where is the compassion from the church

Matthew 15:32

He moved with compassion

Matthew 4:23 - God's eyes are never off the people for the ministry of Jesus can only be exercised where there are brokenness and darkness where there is a need where people are held in captivity that is the works of the church when it's done in faith with a heart of compassion. If Jesus is connected to the brokenness of the people then I must also shed the tears he shed and be broken for the people. That's what the ministry of Jesus is. What does life look like in the church? - we see growth, compassion, union, emotion

Growth: individual growth - we recognize that there are newborn babes coming in and they are maturing they are feeding on the word they are dying daily

**Growth:** assembly - newborn babes being born into the church because life is never stagnant. It's a process.

We see men/women/people being born into the kingdom and a great desire of the ministry of Jesus telling people about the sacrifice of Jesus that this who believes will not perish. We are eager to win the lost. We know when we are dead... we don't want to tell anyone about Jesus. We have friends we never witness to them and deny Jesus before men but we expect him to confess our names to God

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**Compassion:** Jesus oftentimes in the gospels people brought the sick and you will see the words that he was moved with compassion and he healed and delivered and out of that compassion came life for someone. When the church is alive it carries with it a great sense of compassion. When it is dead it echoes prayers on the street corners declaring their thanks that they are not like others. But a live prayer cries out in agony for brothers and neighbors and people that hate them they cry for mercy. That is the church that is alive. It understands how to stand in the midst of evil and not be moved by evil. Like a sheep in the midst of wolves but knows it is standing on the solid rock.

Don't you recognize how dry we have become? We take so much comfort in what men have to say about us.

I am not satisfied preaching the word and not seeing growth nor can't feel the compassion of Jesus I must know what it is to be moved with compassion.

If he is living within me then it is alright for me to feel that level of compassion.

We boast about the gifting but the bible tells us that the Holy Ghost is the Love of God shed in our hearts. How can we have the Holy Ghost when we don't exercise faith.

**Unity:** Jesus prayed fervently that we may be one even as we are one. On the day of Pentecost when the believers bonded together in unity believing the last work that was given. Every man was concerned about the relationship of one with the other and that Unity went up before the lord as an aroma and the Holy Ghost came down and sat on them. The Unity was so much that they continued in one accord. In the apostles' doctrine. What they received is what they practiced. No man considered what they had their own but they gave to the other, sold their lands, and lay the money at the apostles' feet. Such fellowship. They stood together and would not allow evil to prosper in the assembly and the first act that would see to sabotage the unity of the breathing (Ananias and Sapphira) but the Holy Ghost moved in Peter's heart but also recognized the evil in their heart and that this was an attempt of the enemy to separate the brethren in and give him what the Holy Ghost said to say.

Today we have the same spirit - men seated agreeing with men to deceive and segregate the fellowship not recognizing that their hearts have been removed from the fellowship of God. The signs of Life: growth, compassion, union, and emotion

**Emotion:** Luke 19: 41

Jesus became emotional, the church must have tears, it's a sign of life. When I just started I recognize I could pray a few words but couldn't feel effective and I prayed that God would give me some tears for people. Jeremiah was a weeping prophet crying for Israel and Judah, give me some tears to cry for souls. I was concerned when my eyes were dry after prayer. God then anointed me, and I began to cry and I felt tears and I thank God, and ever since he fills my heart with tears for people. Emotion, when we are void of emotion, when we can see the burden and can't feel it something is wrong. I can't help it. And many folks tell me you don't need to cry Jesus has done something good for you but they don't understand the fellowship I have with my master that God is giving me compassion for people. I did not understand what the word meant - I have given you a ministry of reconciliation and I searched out the meaning of reconciliation and I recognize that this is the ministry of Jesus. The eyes of the Lord is looking down on us He wept over the city. The testimony of Jesus is that of prophecy. You talk about the beauty of. Your temple and you don't see what's coming up on you. Not one stone shall be left on another. You talk about the glory of this world. Jesus said to Sardis remember and hold fast and take action, repent.

The lord took me in a vision and in the vision, I saw members believers and I recognized they purchased vehicles and enjoying the vehicles and I observe and my spirit felt uncomfortable and I said I don't understand how church people are excited about things and I walked on the outside to the streets and I could not understand the attitude of the church: excited about things of the word. Enjoying the message of today that joy is based on your success in this world. And I went on the outside wondering how could people be excited about things and I heard a rumbling in the heavens and I heard a terrible sound louder than thunder and I turned my head to the heavens and I felt it was the coming of the lord and the lord brought my eyes to look on the street and when I look all eyes were looking to heaven but every man was dumbstruck with awe all mouths were open and no sound was coming only the sound and shimmering of lights in the heavens but the clouds were thick and dark and when I look I saw a plaque dropped down it was so beautiful with all such colors and in the boxes were squares 3 squares with things written all over and in the center square the font was a larger size than everything else and when I looked on it there were two characters 5G in the center of it. And I begin to cry and the spirit impressed in me that I take note of man's rebellion against me and what I saw in the list was a list of every act of rebellion and I quickly try to read the others and then it went back into the heavens and I began to weep and weep and later in the morning I spoke to my wife and I cried.

It is time for the church to recognize what is about to take place on the land. What is actually happening in this moment and the eyes of the church like I saw in the first part they don't understand the time in which we live. Caught up in the things of this world. Bearing a name of being alive but are dead. The rebellion of men is about to increase against God but only those who are alive in Him will be able to stand.

If you don't watch I will come upon you as a thief...he that overcomes will be clothed in white raiment and I will not blot out his name from the book of life. anything that would cause us to wake up is that the Lord has the authority to blot out names from the book of life. He that has an ear let him hear - WAKE UP our redemption draws nigh. It's about time for us to understand that his coming is nearer than when we first believed. There will be no time for excuses no time to be ready. Get ready NOW!

Sweet will of God still folds me closer till I am wholly lost in thee.

Question: do I want to remain with a reputation that I am alive ignorant of the fact that I am dead. It's the ministry of the Lord's Love that caused John to write to the church in Sardis because he wants them to be saved. The Lord has spoken to us what will your response be. What will your response be?

I am tired of Sin, footsore and weary... but now the light has risen to cheer me I find in thee my star my sun. Give me compassion, fill me with tears, the church has joy, and will bust out with praises. Lord touch me again, touch me again, I am dying on the inside. Sometimes we take a walk in the forest and we see the tall trees and you will look and admire the beauty of the tree until after there is a storm and you walk back in the forest and one of the trees that you admire from day to day you recognize is fallen and you wonder how could a tree of this stature fall but you recognize that even though the trunk was so huge but inside the tree was rotten there was only a little remained and was ready to die the test came but it couldn't handle the storm and it fell. The little that remained was not strengthened. Beautiful but dead. Lord, how do you see me?