



# SUNDAY SCHOOL

**SERIES:**  
**Revelation of Jesus Christ**

**LESSON:**  
**“The Church in Sardis”**  
Reading: Revelation 3:1-6

**Sunday School Hymns**  
Hymn #19 - “O for a Thousand Tongues”  
Hymn #505 - “Lord, I Need You”

July 20th, 2025

## Lesson 36, Revelation 3:1-6

**KJV**, *And unto the angel of the church in Sardis write; These things saith He that hath the seven Spirits of God, and the seven stars; I know thy works, that thou hast a name that thou livest, and art dead. <sup>2</sup>Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die: for I have not found thy works perfect before God. <sup>3</sup>Remember therefore how thou hast received and heard, and hold fast, and repent. If therefore thou shalt not watch, I will come on thee as a thief, and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee. <sup>4</sup>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. <sup>5</sup>He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before My Father, and before His angels. <sup>6</sup>He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.*

### **I. OBSERVATIONS FROM TODAY'S PARTICULARS**

**v1a** Jesus reveals Himself as the Possessor, and therefore Gifter of the Holy Spirit (*has the seven spirits*), as well as the Lord and Master of all His church leadership (*seven stars*).

**v1b** Jesus does not commend the church because, like the Pharisees of Christ's earthly ministry, they possessed an external piety with unregenerate souls (Matt 23:27).

**vv2-3** The Lord Jesus warns that the church must repent and be watchful, for He would come like *ὡς κλέπτης*, unnoticed and when least expected.

**v4a** Even the worst of churches has faithful servants of the Lord Jesus Christ. Jesus knows which sheep are His.

**vv4b-5a** Those who walk in the imputed righteousness of Christ are promised by the Lord Jesus that we will walk with Him *ἐν λευκοῖς* (v4b), and that He would clothe us *ἐν ἱματίοις λευκοῖς* (v5a).

**vv5b-6** Jesus also promised the conqueror in Christ that their names will not be blotted out of the book of life (v5b), and that He would confess the faithful's name before His Father and before the Father's angels (v5c).