



May 9, 2010

Elevation Service
Sunday 10:45 am

Pastor Matt Doan

The Sleeping Church {Church of Sardis}

“Wake Up!”

Revelation 3:1-6

I. How do you know if you are sleeping? vs 1

You are sleeping spiritually if you care more about what others think of you (reputation), than you do what God thinks about you (reality).

II. If you are sleeping, how do you wake up? vs 2-3

Wake up by:

- Remembering God’s Word (Continually)
- Obeying God’s Word (Continually)
- Repenting of sin (Immediately)

III. The joy of being awake vs 4-5

- You get to walk with Jesus. Revelation 3:4
- You’re clothed with white garments of righteousness. Revelation 3:5
- Your name is permanently in the Book of Life Revelation 3:5
- Your name will be acknowledged before God! Revelation 3:5

He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.

Revelation 3:6

Digging Deeper

Wake Up! Revelation 3:1-6

Monday: In one sitting, read Revelation chapters 4 and 5 and on a piece of paper write down what these chapters tell us about God. Take some time after this exercise and through prayer or song, simply worship and thank God for who He is! In light of what Revelation chapters 4 and 5 tell us, how could we, or anyone, ever become asleep, bored or apathetic towards Jesus? How or why can this happen?

Tuesday: One indicator that you are spiritually asleep is when your concern for what others think about you is greater than your concern for what God thinks about you (Revelation 3:1). Read Luke 12:1-12 and Ephesians 5:1-21 today to better understand God's clear warning against this way of thinking.

Wednesday: Remembering and obeying God's words in the Bible are two keys to staying spiritually awake. The Greek words for "remembering" and "obeying" in Revelation 3:3 are in the "present imperative tense", meaning they indicate continuous activity. In other words, they should read, "keep on remembering" and "keep on obeying". In order for you to keep on remembering and obeying God's Word you need understand its power. Read Psalm 119 today (all of it!) to once again be reminded of the power of God's words found in the Bible.

Thursday: Another key to staying spiritually awake is to repent of sin. The word "repent" in the original Greek tense of Revelation 3:3 indicates it must be an urgent action. There is no room for sin to hang out in our lives. It must be turned away from quickly and urgently. Read Psalm 51 to see a model of repentance and take some time today and repent of the sin in your life.

Friday: To get a better understanding of what awaits those whose names are in the "Book of Life" from Revelation 3:5, read Revelation, Chapter 21 today.

Saturday: Read about the "Church of Love" (Philadelphia) in Revelation 3:7-13 in preparation for tomorrow's message at Calvary Church. Pray that your heart will be prepared to worship the God who is worthy to be awake for!

Response

REMEMBERING - Pick up a "Wake Up!" sticker at one of the stations this morning and place it on a travel coffee mug or an alarm clock or on something else that will remind you of Jesus' words from Revelation 3 as you start your day.

COMMUNION - This Sunday communion is available around the room at several stations. Take the elements of the bread and the cup in remembrance of what Christ has done for you.

GIVING - We encourage you and your family to bring your offering, as your prayerful gift of worship to God, to the containers located at the stations. Offering envelopes are available in the chair racks for your use.

PRAYER - After the message, there will be prayer counselors in the Prayer Booth, located on the far right side of the auditorium, to pray with you this morning.



CONNECT.GROW.REACH
1010 N. Tustin Ave. | Santa Ana | CA

phn | 714.973.4800
web | calvarylife.org