



**LETTERS
FROM
GOD**

The Sleeping Church | Revelation 3:1-6
“Wake Up!” **Pastor Matt Doan**

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How could we ever fall asleep before a
Holy, Mighty, Amazing God?

Revelation 4



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2 Questions

Q1: How do you know if you are sleeping?

Q2: If you are sleeping, how do you wake up?



How do you know if you are sleeping?

vs 1

"To the angel of the church in Sardis write: He who has the seven Spirits of God and the seven stars, says this: 'I know your deeds, that you have a name that you are alive, but you are dead.'



How do you know if you are sleeping?

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



How do you know if you are sleeping?

Luke 12:4-5

"I say to you, My friends, do not be afraid of those who kill the body and after that have no more that they can do.

"But I will warn you whom to fear: fear the One who, after He has killed, has authority to cast into hell; yes, I tell you, fear Him!



How do you know if you are sleeping?

- The Church of Sardis
- You
- Calvary Church



How do you know if you are sleeping?



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How do you know if you are sleeping?

*“Outwardly splendid as of old,
Inwardly lifeless, dead and cold.
Her force and fire all spent and gone,
Like the dead moon, she still shines on.”*

-Author Unknown



If you are sleeping, how do you wake up?

vs 2-3

'Wake up, and strengthen the things that remain, which were about to die; for I have not found your deeds completed in the sight of My God.

'So remember what you have received and heard; and keep it, and repent
Therefore if you do not wake up, I will come like a thief, and you will not know at what hour I will come to you.



If you are sleeping, how do you wake up?

Wake up by:

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



The joy of being awake

vs 4-5

'But you have a few people in Sardis who have not soiled their garments; and they will walk with Me in white, for they are worthy.

'He who overcomes will thus be clothed in white garments; and I will not erase his name from the book of life, and I will confess his name before My Father and before His angels.



The joy of being awake

- 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



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Revelation 3:6

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



RESPONSE TIME

Prayer

- There are people available to pray with at our prayer booth in the back.

Communion

- We have elements of the bread and the cup as you remember Christ's death.

Giving

- You may bring your gift of offering before the Lord to the stations.



RESPONSE TIME

Remembering

- Pick up a ‘Wake Up!’ sticker at one of the stations
- 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.

