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Topic: Studies in Revelation: The Dying Church

Scripture text: Revelation 3:1-6

1. The church of Sardis has been so deep in sin that she is unable to see her state of depravity. The Holy Spirit is referred to as the "seven Spirits of God" to describe His majesty and greatness. Seven is the number of perfection. A revival of the church can only be brought about by the working of the Holy Spirit. The church of Sardis started well but did not end well.

2. The remedy of a dying church is to be watchful - to wake up and continue in the state of alertness. We have to hide the Word of God in our hearts, remain vigilant to spiritual realities and to be sensitive to sin. The remembrance of God's Word convicts us of our sins and helps us to repent when we have backslided. Let us be watchful and aware of the judgment of God.

3. God sees the hearts of all men and exhorted the few genuine believers in Sardis to persevere to the end. The perseverance of the saints prove that they are true followers of Christ and Christ will acknowledge them before God the Father. May we all persevere in our faith, being watchful and waiting for the imminent return of our Lord Jesus Christ.