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(Revelation 3:1-6)

THE DILEMMA

1. For the church: Living on a past reputation, but presently dead.

Son of man, I have made you a watchman for the house of Israel; so hear the word I speak and give them warning from me. When I say to the wicked, 'O wicked man, you will surely die,' and you do not speak out to dissuade him from his ways, that wicked man will die for his sin, but I will hold you accountable for his blood. But if you do warn the wicked man to turn from his ways and he does not do so, he will die for his sin, but you will have saved yourself. (Ezekiel 33:7-9) NIV

2. For the church member: your outward life – religious; your heart – impure.

Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You are like whitewashed tombs, which look beautiful on the outside but on the inside are full of dead men's bones and everything unclean. In the same way, on the outside you appear to people as righteous but on the inside you are full of hypocrisy and wickedness. (Matthew 23:27-28) NIV

- **Your poor spiritual life can help kill the church!**

If we claim to have fellowship with him yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live by the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin. (1 John 1:6-7) NIV

THE BIBLE'S SOLUTION

1. Wake up . . . and power up.

2. This is accomplished by remembering the word of God, repenting of what you've done wrong, and obeying God's commands in the Bible.

We must pay more careful attention, therefore, to what we have heard, so that we do not drift away. (Hebrews 2:1) NIV

Be alert, stand firm in the faith, be brave, be strong. (1 Corinthians 16:13) GNT

GOD'S PROMISES

1. A newly-cleaned life.

Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless. (Ephesians 5:25b-27) NIV

2. A newly-alive church.

Fine linen, bright and clean, was given her to wear.” (Fine linen stands for the righteous acts of the saints.) (Revelation 19:8) NIV

3. The assurance of eternal life.

I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one can snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand. (John 10:28-29) NIV