

Wake Up!
Sunday, August 25, 2024

"To the angel of the church in Sardis write: These are the words of him who holds the seven spirits of God and the seven stars. I know your deeds; you have a reputation of being alive, but you are dead. Wake up! Strengthen what remains and is about to die, for I have found your deeds unfinished in the sight of my God.

Revelation 3:1-2 NIV

Remember:

- Jesus is God
- Jesus sees and knows everything
- Everything Jesus says to a church does not include everyone who is a part of that local body.

*I know your deeds;
you have a reputation of being alive,
but you are dead.
Revelation 3:1b NIV*

Jesus says they're dead

Point #1: It only matters what Jesus Knows

- I'm not fooling Jesus
- It doesn't matter what other people think about me
- It only matters what Jesus thinks

*Wake up!
Revelation 3:2a NIV*

*"Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep but I go that I may awaken
him out of sleep
John 11:11*

*When you're asleep you are not conscious of what's going on around you
You aren't contributing to life in the world. You are basically - in sleep - just serving
yourself.*

Point # 2: Jesus Expects Us To Live Wide Awake As Long As We Have Life

What does it mean to wake up for the Christian? To live life awake instead of sleepwalking or dead?

- To live for Jesus instead of for yourself - even after retirement.
- To be conscious of what's going on around you in this world but also in the spiritual world
- To remember that you are on a battlefield
- To be contributing to the needs and lives of others
- To be engaged in the Body of Christ.

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Revelation 3:2 NIV

Ask Jesus This Week:

- Jesus, do I have unfinished deeds in your sight?
- What do you want me to do?
- How do I need to wake up?
- Am I dead even though others think I'm alive?