

Sermon Outline: 5.21.23

Sermon Series: **Apocalypse**
Sermon Title: ***Walking & Talking, But Dead & Dying***
Sermon Text: Revelation 3:1-6

The Church at Ephesus

Living, But Not Loving

Historically – *Apostolic*, 100 AD

The Church at Smyrna

Poor & Persecuted, But Righteous & Rewarded

Historically – *Hated*, 100-312 AD

The Church at Pergamos

Getting Along, But Going Along

Historically – *Popular*, 312-606 AD

The Church at Thyatira

Large-Loving, But Let-Living

Historically – *Dark Ages*, 606-1500's AD

The Church at Sardis

Walking & Talking, But Dead & Dying

Historically – *Reformation*, 1500's-1700's AD

(Revelation 3:1-6)

Walking & Talking, But Dead & Dying

Jesus' Authoritative Introduction

"7-Fold Spirit, 7-Stars"

(Isaiah 11:2)

Jesus' Sarcastic Commendations

"Thou hast a name that thou livest"

"Thou hast a few... even at Sardis"

Jesus' Brutal Condemnations

"Thou art dead"

"Are ready to die"

Jesus' Urgent Exhortations

"Be watchful"

"Strengthen the things which remain"

"Remember... hold fast"

"Repent"

"Or else"

Jesus' Precious Consolations

"Clothed in white"

(*I may get you to insert the Spurgeon quote that's on page 2 before the next point.*)

"I will not blot out of the book of life"

(Revelation 17:8)

"I will confess his name before my Father"

(2nd Timothy 2:14-19)

Three Questions:

Have you trusted in Christ?

Are you trusting in Christ?

Will you trust Christ until the end?

Charles Spurgeon:

"I have long been content to take God's Word just as I find it and when, at any time, I have been accused of contradicting myself through keeping to my text, I have always felt perfectly safe about that matter. The last thing I care about is being consistent with myself! Why should I be anxious about that? I would rather be consistent with Christ fifty times over, or be consistent with the Word of God! But as to forever being consistent with oneself, it might turn out that one was consistently wrong, consistently narrow-minded, and consistently unwilling to believe what God would teach.

So we will take the text just as we find it..."