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“The Letters Jesus Sent” (5)

*“...Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.”
(Ephesians 5:14b)*

Jesus – The Networker

Revelation 3:1(a) – (1) “And to the angel of the church in Sardis write: ‘The words of him who has the seven spirits of God and the seven stars.’”

Bursting the Bubble

Revelation 3:1(b) – “I know your works. You have the reputation of being alive, *but you are dead.*”

The Solution to Spiritual Slumber

Revelation 3:2-3 – (2) “Wake up, and strengthen what remains and is about to die, for I have not found your works complete in the sight of my God. (3) Remember then what you received and heard. Keep it, and repent. If you will not wake up, I will come like a thief, and you will not know at what hour I will come against you.”

Faithful Few

Revelation 3:4 – (4) “Yet you have still a few names in Sardis, people who have not soiled their garments, and they will walk with me in white, for they are worthy.”

Faithfulness Rewarded

Revelation 3:5-6 – (5) “The one who conquers will be clothed thus in white garments, and I will never blot his name out of the book of life. I will confess his name before my Father and before his angels. (6) He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.”

Key Point: The Water of the Word Wakes & Washes Us

Closing Thoughts

“How long will you lie there, O sluggard? When will you arise from your sleep? A little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to rest, and poverty will come upon you like a robber, and want like an armed man.” (Proverbs 6:9-11)

“So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation.” (1 Thessalonians 5:6-8)

Questions:

What impacted me the most in this message?

Has a degree of spiritual slumber affected me?

Is there a ‘fatiguing effect’ in the end times? (Dan. 7:25; Matt. 24:22, 25:5)

(ESV used unless otherwise noted)