WAKE UP!

Seven Churches
May 24, 2026

KEY SCRIPTURE

- Revelation 3:1-6
- Revelation 19:6-9
- Ephesians 5:25-27
- Matthew 25:1-13
- Isaiah 54:5

KEY POINTS

- Jesus knows the true condition of His church — we may have a reputation of being alive, but He sees when we are spiritually dead or sleeping.
- The church is called to wake up and strengthen what remains before it dies completely.
- Spiritual coasting, complacency, and compromise lead to a dying church.
- God's ultimate vision for the church is a spotless bride prepared for the Marriage Supper of the Lamb.
- Jesus is coming like a thief — we must live ready, dressed for action, with lamps full of oil (the Holy Spirit).
- White garments represent the righteous deeds of the saints and the righteousness of Christ given to us.
- Those who overcome will walk with Jesus in white, have their names confessed before the Father, and will never be blotted from the Book of Life.
- The church is in the betrothal period — we are to make ourselves ready as the Bride of Christ for the return of our Bridegroom.

DISCUSSION

- Pastor Bob described the church in Sardis as having a reputation of being alive but actually being dead. Where might complacency or "coasting" be showing up in your own walk with Jesus?
- Jesus told the church in Sardis to "wake up and strengthen what remains." What areas of your faith do you sense the Lord is calling you to strengthen right now?
- How does the picture of the church as the Bride of Christ (preparing for the Marriage Supper of the Lamb) change the way you think about daily Christian living?
- In the parable of the ten virgins, some were ready and some were not. What does it practically look like for us to "be ready" for Jesus' return?
- Pastor Bob shared how his wife maintained purity and faithfulness. What does it look like for us to keep our "garments" unstained in today's culture?
- Jesus promises white garments and to confess our names before the Father to those who overcome. How does this hope motivate you to live differently?
- What is one step the Holy Spirit is prompting you to take this week to "wake up," repent, or prepare yourself as part of the Bride of Christ?