What Would Jesus Say to Living Hope? Part 5

Sunday July 24, 2022 Series: Knowing Tomorrow—Living Today

"But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.

For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks intently at his natural face in a mirror. For he looks at himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like.

But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing."

James 1:22–25 ESV

It is Time to
Insights on Sardis
Jesus' Presentation
"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." Revelation 3:1a ESV
The Seven Spirits
"But when the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness about me." John 15:26 ESV
The Seven Stars
The Real "I know your works. You have the reputation of being alive, but you are dead." Revelation 3:1b ESV
(Also 2 Timothy 3:5; James 2:26; Philippians 1:6)
"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." Revelation 3:2 ESV

Jesus reveals a congregation that has grown stagnant and complacent in their relationship with Him.

Three Steps to Regaining
"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." Revelation 3:3 ESV
1. Keep on
(Also Galatians 5:7; Hebrews 10:32)
"Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us," Hebrews 12:1 ESV
2. Keep on
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"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." Revelation 3:3 ESV
for the Faithful
"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. 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." Revelation 3:4–5 ESV

What Is My Response to Jesus?

"He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches." Revelation $3:6\ ESV$

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