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Sermon Series: The Seven Churches of Revelation

Title: "Sardis- Stayin' Alive"

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Text: Revelation 3:1-6

Big Idea: As a believer, I must always be more concerned about the reality of my character before God than I am about the reputation I try to manufacture before people.

The five commands for battling spiritual "near-death":

- 1) Wake up!
- 2) Strengthen what remains!
- 3) Remember!
- 4) Keep it!
- 5) Repent!

Few things are more difficult than for a comfortable church (or believer) to repent because most of us don't change unless real pain is involved.

Two "life-giving" promises from Christ to overcomers:

- 1) I promise to clothe you properly.
- 2) I promise to recognize you properly.

Three questions to help me "take my spiritual pulse":

- 1) Does the living presence and truth of Jesus occupy the driver's seat in my daily decisions and actions?
- 2) Does the thought of Jesus' promised, sudden return, bring me joy or dread?
- 3) How could I adjust my use of time, words, and attitudes to better reflect that Jesus is the primary influence in my life?