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"Let him who has ears, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches"

Rev. 3:6

## I. The Rebuke (Rev. 3:1b)

- A. A <u>reputation</u> of being alive, but you are <u>dead</u>
- B. Five ways churches can <u>die</u>
  - 1. <u>Reveling</u> in their past
  - 2. <u>Ritual</u> without <u>Relationship</u>
  - 3. <u>Rejection</u> of the living <u>Word</u> and living <u>Spirit</u>
  - 4. <u>Replacing prayer with Programs</u>
  - 5. <u>Relying</u> on current members without <u>Reinvesting</u> in the mission

## II. The Return (Rev. 3:2,3)

- A. <u>Wake</u> up! B. <u>Build</u> up!
- C. <u>Brush</u> up! D. <u>Clean</u> up!
- E. Christ is coming <u>quickly</u> (Rev. 16:15; 1 Thess. 5:3)
- F. Time is <u>short</u>

## III. The Reward (Rev. 3:3-6)

- A. The <u>remnant</u> remains
- B. Four Pictures of faithfulness
  - 1. Not soiled (defiled) 2. walking with Christ
  - 3. white clothes 4. Worthy
- C. He who <u>overcomes</u> will be dressed in <u>white</u> (Matt. 17:2)
- D. I will NOT <u>blot out</u> their name and will <u>acknowledge</u> them.