



-- Big Idea: Wake up, o sleeper! Rise from the dead and Christ will shine on you!

1.) _____ up! (v. 1a)

- Jesus introduces Himself in a way that emphasizes His absolute Lordship over every aspect of the church.
- While we have a mission field of many, we have an audience of only One.

2.) Get _____! (v. 1b, 2 Corinthians 13:5)

- Although they had produced a pleasing image in the world, they had failed to please the only One whose verdict actually matters.
- How we appear in the eyes of people can easily become a higher priority than how we actually stand before God.

Five ways churches can look more impressive to people than they are to God...

- a.) _____
- b.) _____
- c.) _____
- d.) _____
- e.) _____

- "What you win people with is what you win people to."
- The chief _____ of the church must be one thing only: Jesus Christ and the Gospel of His glory (1 Corinthians 2:2).

3.) _____ up! (v. 2)

- Perhaps the most dangerous thing to do is to sit under the preaching of God's Word and never respond to it (Luke 12:47-48).
- Just as surely as we are saved by faith and not works, a faith that saves will surely produce works.

4.) Get _____! (v. 3a)

- The single, unchanging hope for every church or church member asleep at the wheel is to remember the Jesus Christ and His Gospel.
- Earnest meditation upon the power and glory of the gospel is the first step to coming awake in Christ.

5.) Get _____! (v. 3b)

- Authentic faith will result in real repentance and a transformed life in which you stop living for self and start working for Christ (Jam. 2:17-18).
- The kind of faith to which Jesus is calling the church in His letter to the church in Sardis is a faith that produces good works that glorify God.

6.) Stay _____! (v. 3c)

- Followers of Christ should be motivated by Christ's promise to return at an unexpected hour as Judge (Mark 13:33-37, 2 Peter 3:10-12).
- If you are spiritually asleep when Jesus returns, your prospects for eternity are not very bright.

7.) _____ ahead! (v. 4-5)

- Unto those who truly want the true Christ and not just His silhouette, Jesus promises the white linen of righteousness and names that are indelibly etched into the Lamb's Book of Life (Revelation 19:7-9).

8.) _____ up! (v. 6)

- Devotion to Christ means taking His warnings and promises to heart and responding to them in obedient faith.
- Many people will sadly hear today's text and fall right back to sleep.
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