

*“Falling Asleep or Holding Fast” – Revelation Part 7*  
Revelation 3:1-6 (The Letter to Sardis)

*Sardis – an IDEAL church in an IDEAL city?*

**How to Make a Soul FALL ASLEEP**

*1. Trust APPEARANCES*

*2. Live in the PAST*

*3. Preserve the PRESENT*

**How to Make a Soul WAKE UP**

*“REMEMBER what you have RECEIVED and HEARD” (v. 3)*

*“Whoever has ears, let them hear what the SPIRIT says ...” (v. 6)*

*“HOLD FAST to it, and REPENT” (v. 3)*

*The essence of growing spiritually – of being AWAKE toward God and STRENGTHENED for his purposes – is to live yielded to the WORD of God and to the SPIRIT of God – HEARING from him and HOLDING FAST to him!*

*“Yet you have a few people who have not SOILED their clothes” (v. 4)*

*“They will WALK with me, dressed in WHITE, for they are WORTHY”  
(v. 4)*

*“I will never blot out his name from the book of life, but will  
ACKNOWLEDGE his name before my Father ...” (v. 5)*