

1 **SARDIS REVISITED**

"I know your deeds;
you have a reputation of being alive,
but you are dead."

2 **WHAT MAKES A CHURCH
'ALIVE' ?**

Acts 2:42-47

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Growth is an evidence 2 Pet. 3:18; Ps. 1

Acts 2:41 3,000 added

- Preceded by the infilling of - and reliance upon - the Holy Spirit
- The Gospel of Jesus Christ is front and center
- Call to repentance w/sensitivity to the Spirit

Acts 2:47 "The Lord added...daily"

Preceded by devotion to the Word, the Fellowship,
the Bread and Cup and Prayer

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Is numerical growth always an indicator of spiritual life? No.

See 2 Tim. 4:3-4

5 **POWER IS AN EVIDENCE ACTS 1:8**

Power to be witnesses, and courage to do so even if it means death

Ch 3. Empowered through the Spirit for active ministry

4:29-31 Holy boldness. Passion to see Christ exalted

And on and on and on in Acts

Why not compile a list (?)

6 **LOVE FOR GOD AND FOR OTHERS IS AN EVIDENCE**

- Deut 6:4-9

Incl. loving what He loves. Hating what He hates.

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- Matt 22:37-39

John 3:16; 13:34

Acts 4:32-35 Love that is authentic
(The heart of Matt. 6:19-21)

7 **BUT WHAT MAKES IT ALIVE?**

John 1:12-13 Being born of God

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John 15:1-8 Abiding in the Vine

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Acts 1:8 Being empowered by the Spirit (Jn 14-16)

Evidenced by spiritual Fruit Gal. 5:22-23

Serving out of giftedness 1 Cor. 12, Rom 12, Eph 4

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Ephesians 3:14-19