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MORNING WORSHIP Theme: Perilous Times Text: Revelation 3:1-6

Title: In Peril of Spiritual Death

(I) DESCRIPTION OF ONE PULSATING WITH SPIRITUAL LIFE

1. Rivers of living water (John 7:38)

2. Abundant life (John 10:10)

(II) DESCRIPTION OF A CHURCH FULL OF LIFE

(E.g. Church of Smyrna - Revelation 2:8-11)

1. Works (Revelation 2:9)

2. Enduring tribulation (Revelation 2:9)

3. Sacrifices (poverty) (Revelation 2:9)

4. Unbowed in testing (Revelation 2:10)

(III) DEATH OF A CHURCH

"You have a name that you are alive, but you are dead" Revelation 3:1

- 1. Only a reputation/name (Revelation 3:1)
- 2. Bereft of energy
- 3. Bereft of activities
- 4. Bereft of life

(IV) REASONS WHY CHURCHES DIE

1. Living on past reputation (Revelation 3:1)

2. Weaknesses not dealt with (Revelation 3:2)

3. Ailments not attended to (Revelation 3:2)

4. Works not perfect (Revelation 3:2)

5. Did not hold fast to Word (Revelation 3:3)

(V) REGAINING LIFE

1. Remember (Revelation 3:3)

2. Listen to the Spirit's Voice (Revelation 3:6)

3. Strengthen (Revelation 3:2)

4. Overcome (Revelation 3:5)