

Revelation: The Promise of Glory  
The Dead Church in Sardis  
Revelation 3:1-6

Autopsies are performed on humans to find out why they died. In cases where it is an abrupt death, the findings might give some sense of closure. In cases where it is a prolonged illness, the discoveries might give surviving family members information they need to avoid following the same path as their loved one. The same is true in organizational structures.

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Even though many churches are showing signs of decline that will ultimately lead to death, we have the hope of the gospel that promises life. Jesus said to Peter, “. . . on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.” The universal church is alive and well, and we get to serve Christ and His kingdom as we advance the gospel in this world.