

# re-Vision #5

## The dying church

Revelation 3:1-6



### Sermon points

#### 1. The characteristic (v1)

#### 2. The criticism (v1-2)

3 signs of a dying church:

- a. They rely on reputation
- b. They lack evangelistic zeal
- c. They compromise with the world

#### 3. The commendation (v4)

#### 4. The command (v2-3)

#### 5. The conquerors (v5)



### Discussion starter

What are the advantages and disadvantages of a good reputation?



### From the Bible

1. Why is Christ described as he is? (v1)

2. Why is the church dying and half dead? What are the “works” referred to? (v2, cf. 2:5)
  
3. What were many in the church guilty of? (v4)
  
4. What would Jesus' judgement be on the church? (v3)



## Think it through

What challenges you most about this study?

What encourages you most about this study?

How do you think Christ Church Tygerberg is doing? In other words, what kind of a boat would you compare our church to? What should the church's response and your response be to this study? (Please listen to the sermon for the boat illustration!)



## Prayer

God of all the nations of the earth, we pray to you to remember the multitude of men and women who, though created in your image, are ignorant of your love. Grant that by the witness, prayers and labours of those who serve our Lord Jesus Christ, perishing souls may be saved and brought from unbelief to worship you.

God bless Africa;

Guard her children;

Guide her leaders;

And give her peace,

for Jesus Christ's sake.

Amen.