

Message Notes

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Dear Church: Philadelphia
(Revelation 3:7-13)
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◆ Jesus highly _____ Philadelphia for their _____.

The City of Philadelphia

◆ Philadelphia was considered a “_____” to the East. (Rev 3:8)

◆ Because of earthquakes people were _____ about their home.

◆ Philadelphia had an _____ crisis due to changes in its _____.

The Authority of Christ

◆ In the OT, “_____ One” is a title for _____. (Is 40:25; Mk 1:24; Jn 6:69)

These are the words of Him who is Holy and True, who holds the key of David. What He opens no one can shut, and what He shuts no one can open. **Revelation 3:7 (NIV)**

◆ The “_____ One”: Jesus alone is _____. (Ps 86:8; Jn 1:14, 14:6)

◆ The “_____” symbolizes Christ’s _____. (Is 22:22; Rev 1:18)

◆ God alone can _____ the _____ of salvation. (Mt 28:18; Acts 2)

The Open Door

I know your works. Behold, I have set before you an open door, which no one is able to shut. I know that you have but little power, & yet you have kept my word and have not denied my name. **Revelation 3:8 (ESV)**

◆ *Open door*: _____ for _____. (1 Cor 16:9; 2 Cor 2:12; Col 4:3)

◆ God gives the _____ church opp’s for _____ & _____.

◆ Obstacle 1: they were a _____ church with little _____. (Rev 3:8)

◆ Obstacle 2: _____ of _____. (Ac 18:6; Phil 1:27-30; Rev 3:9)

Three Promises for the Faithful Church

◆ Jesus will _____ them before their enemies. (Phil 2:10-11; Rev 3:9)

◆ Jesus will _____ them in the final period of _____. (Dan 12:1)

◆ Jesus will give them a place of _____ in Heaven. (Rev 3:12)

◆ We don’t _____ to this world, we _____ to God! (Jn 15:19-21)