

TO THE CHURCH OF PHILADELPHIA

“To the Angel:” - Part 6

Revelation 3:7-13

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“And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write: He who is holy, who is true, who has the key of David, who opens and no one will shut, and who shuts and no one opens, says this: ‘I know your deeds. Behold, I have put before you an open door which no one can shut, because you have a little power, and have kept My word, and have not denied My name. Behold, I will cause those of the synagogue of Satan, who say that they are Jews, and are not, but lie--behold, I will make them come and bow down at your feet, and to know that I have loved you. Because you have kept the word of My perseverance, I also will keep you from the hour of testing, that hour which is about to come upon the whole world, to test those who dwell on the earth. I am coming quickly; hold fast what you have, so that no one take your crown. He who overcomes, I will make him a pillar in the temple of My God, and he will not go out from it anymore; and I will write upon him the name of My God, and the name of the city of My God, the new Jerusalem, which comes down out of heaven from My God, and My new name. He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.’”

Revelation 3:7-13 (NASB)

1. Philadelphia was _____ for _____ things.

1. It was a _____ city.
2. It was know for an _____.

2. _____ that the Philadelphia church faced.

1. They faced _____.

“And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write: He who is holy, who is true, who has the key of David, who opens and no one will shut, and who shuts and no one opens, says this:”

Revelation 3:7 (NASB)

“Behold, I will cause those of the synagogue of Satan, who say they are Jews, and are not, but lie—behold, I will make them to come and bow down at your feet, and to know that I have loved you.” Revelation 3:9 (NASB)

2. They _____.

“I know your deeds. Behold, I have put before you an open door which no one can shut, because you have a little power, and have kept My word, and have not denied My name.”

Revelation 3:8 (NASB)

3. They have the _____ of _____.

4. A _____.

5. It was a city that had been heavily _____ by the _____.

“He who overcomes, I will make him a pillar in the temple of My God, and he will not go out from it anymore; and I will write upon him the name of My God, and the name of the city of My God, the new Jerusalem, which comes down out of heaven from My God, and My new name.” Revelation 3:12 (NASB)

3. How does a church that faces that many _____ become the church that _____?

“He who is holy, who is true who has the key of David, who opens and no one will shut, and who shuts and no one opens, says this: ‘I know you deeds. Behold, I have put before you an open door which no one can shut...’ Revelation 3:7-8b (NASB)

*“...for a wide door for effective service has opened to me...”
1 Corinthians 16:9 (NASB)*

*“Now when I came to Troas for the gospel of Christ and when a door was opened for me in the Lord...”
2 Corinthians 12:12 (NASB)*

“...praying at the same time for us as well, that God may open up to us a door for the word...” Colossians 4:3 (NASB)

Some of the history of Philadelphia:

“Long after all the country around Philadelphia had passed under Turkish power the church of Philadelphia held up the banner of Christendom. It displayed all of the noble qualities of endurance, truth, and steadfastness, which are attributed to it in Revelation. Through the fourteenth century Philadelphia stood practically alone against the entire Turkish power as a free self-governing Christian city in the midst of a Turkish land.”

***When God _____ a door,
nobody can _____!***