

Revelation 3:7-13

"To the angel of the church in Philadelphia write: 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. ⁸I know your deeds. See, I have placed before you an open door that no one can shut. I know that you have little strength, yet you have kept my word and have not denied my name. ⁹I will make those who are of the synagogue of Satan, who claim to be Jews though they are not, but are liars—I will make them come and fall down at your feet and acknowledge that I have loved you. ¹⁰Since you have kept my command to endure patiently, I will also keep you from the hour of trial that is going to come upon the whole world to test those who live on the earth. ¹¹I am coming soon. Hold on to what you have, so that no one will take your crown. ¹²Him who overcomes I will make a pillar in the temple of my God. Never again will he leave it. I will write on him the name of my God and the name of the city of my God, the new Jerusalem, which is coming down out of heaven from my God; and I will also write on him my new name. ¹³He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.

I. Introduction

A. A Closer Look at Philadelphia (vs. 7)

1. The church voted _____ likely to succeed.
2. The church at Philadelphia had _____ without _____.

I Thessalonians 2:8

We loved you so much that we were delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God but our lives as well, because you had become so dear to us.

Romans 1:16

I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile.

B. Four Things the Philadelphian Believers Knew about Christ

1. The _____ of Christ puts him in a class of his own.

2. _____ and _____ have an objective standard and his name is Jesus.
3. _____ in Jesus is not a blind leap in the _____.
4. The message of Jesus is _____.

Matthew 16:18

And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it.

- a. When we go in the _____ of Jesus, we go in the _____ of Jesus.
- b. A day is coming when the opportunity for _____ efforts will _____.

II. What the Church Did Right (v. 8)

1. The church God blesses is a consistently _____ church.
2. Believers aren't _____ by their environment, they _____ their environment.
3. How the church responds to the _____ _____ will be its legacy for eternity.
4. Walking through open doors always demands a reassessment of _____.
5. The greatest threat to our national security is a _____ and _____ church. (v. 9)

III. A Look Ahead (v. 10)

1. The _____ of the church is the next even on God's calendar.

I Thessalonians 4:16-18

For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. ¹⁸Therefore encourage each other with these words.

- 2. The correct view of the rapture is less focus on when we _____ and more focus on not _____ any behind.

Romans 9:1-3

I speak the truth in Christ—I am not lying, my conscience confirms it in the Holy Spirit— ²I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. ³For I could wish that I myself were cursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my brothers, those of my own race,

- 3. The belief in the _____ return of Christ creates _____ in ministry. (v. 11)
- 4. How you _____ the race always reflects how you _____.

" _____ that _____ to finish was flawed from the _____."
- Jay Strack

- 5. Grace is as much about _____ as it is about _____.

Matthew 7:20

Thus, by their fruit you will recognize them.

- 6. Evangelistic zeal in the _____ is a result of a settled _____ (v. 12)
- 7. In Christ your future is secured by _____, _____, _____, & _____

Week 8: The End Unveiled