

# **Revival Christian Fellowship**

The Seven Churches of the Apocalypse  
Revelation 3:7-13 - The Church of the Open Door  
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**Main Point:** God opens up doors of opportunity for the church and individual believers.

## **Introduction**

- If Jesus wrote a letter to our church, how do you believe He would commend us?
- For what might He rebuke us?

## **Understanding**

### **1. Destination - Read Revelation 3:7a.**

- a. Philadelphia was a crossroads for Greek influence and culture. Because of this, there seems to be a missionary emphasis in Christ's words for Philadelphia. What might that mean?

### **2. Description of Christ - Read Revelation 3:7b.**

- a. How does Jesus describe Himself in Revelation 3:7? Which description encourages you the most? Why?
- b. What does it mean that God is Holy?
- c. How does the believer become Holy?

- d. What does holiness look like in a Christian's life?
- e. This is a verse a reference to Isaiah 22:22. What did Jesus mean when He said He had the key of David? What does that give Him the ability to do?

### **3. Christ's Commendation - Read Revelation 3:8.**

- a. What did Jesus commend this church for?
- b. If Jesus were standing in front of you saying, "I know your works," what might follow that statement?
- c. What struggles were the church at Philadelphia dealing with? What difficulties is the church today dealing with?
- d. Jesus said that He set an open door before the believers in Philadelphia. What do you think this meant?
- e. Why was it that the Christians had "little power"? Were they not powerful in Christ? What did Jesus mean?

#### **4. Christ's Promise - Read Revelation 3:9-10.**

- a. Who was the synagogue of Satan? How could they say they are Jews when they were not? How did Jesus promise to deal with them?
  
- b. What is your duty as a follower of Christ toward those that oppose you?
  
- c. What is the hour of trial that is coming to the whole world? Why is the church of Philadelphia to be protected from this trial?

#### **5. Christ's Counsel/Exhortation - Read Revelation 3:11**

- a. What is it that the believers in Philadelphia had, and how could they hold on to it?
  
- b. What are some ways we hold fast to what we have in Christ? What does that look like in your own life?
  
- c. What does the crown represent?
  
- d. How does the reality that Jesus is coming soon affect the way we live right now?

#### **6. Overcomers - Read Revelation 3:12-13.**

- a. Who are the ones that overcome?
  
- b. What does Jesus mean by the following phrases?
  - i. A pillar in the temple of my God
  
  - ii. I will write on Him:
    - 1. The name of my God
  
    - 2. The city of my God
  
    - 3. On him my new name

## **Application**

- How is God speaking to you through your study of this letter to the church in Philadelphia?