

## PHILADELPHIA: THE LITTLE CHURCH WITH GREAT FAITH

(Revelation 3:7-13)

- A. The Vision of the Glorified Christ (1:9-20)
- B. The Church at Ephesus (2:1-7)
- C. The Church at Smyrna (2:8-11)
- D. The Church at Pergamos (2:12-17)
- E. The Church at Thyatira (2:18-29)
- F. The Church at Sardis (3:1-5)
- G. The Church at Philadelphia (3:7-13)

1. The city of Philadelphia was 28 miles southeast of Sardis; its strategic \_\_\_\_\_ opened it up to the coastal plains and merged trade routes of Mysia, Lydia, and Phrygia. Because of its location it was often referred to as the “\_\_\_\_\_ to the \_\_\_\_\_.” (v. 7a)
  
2. Jesus states four things about Himself in verse 7b...
  - a. He is “*holy*” -meaning He is \_\_\_\_\_ and righteous in His \_\_\_\_\_, His words, His \_\_\_\_\_, and His purposes.
  
  - b. He is “*true*” -underscoring that He is always \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. (Rev. 6:10)
  
  - c. He has the “*key of David*” -this seems to be an allusion to Isaiah 22:22; Jesus is the ultimate fulfillment and rightful \_\_\_\_\_ to David’s \_\_\_\_\_.
  
  - d. He opens doors and no one shuts them, and He shuts doors and no one opens them -this speaks of His divine \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. (Isa. 22:22)
  
3. Christ commends this church that despite the fact that they have little strength, they have faithfully \_\_\_\_\_ His Word and \_\_\_\_\_ denied His name; consequently, He has opened doors of \_\_\_\_\_ for them. (v. 8)

4. In His closing encouragement Christ gives the Christians four promises...

- a. PROMISE #1 Because you are saved, you do \_\_\_\_\_ need to fear opposition from men, for one day the Lord will \_\_\_\_\_ identify with you and \_\_\_\_\_ His \_\_\_\_\_ . (v. 9)

\* How should verses 9 & 10a be translated into English?

- b. PROMISE #2 As a believer in Christ, though you may face opposition for Christ's sake (3:9), it is guaranteed that you will be \_\_\_\_\_ of the time of testing, known as the \_\_\_\_\_ . (v. 10b)

\* Do you have to persevere as a believer in order to be Raptured?

\* What do you receive as a Christian for persevering in the faith? (1 Cor. 9:24-27; 2 Tim. 4:6-8; Heb. 10:32-36; James 1:12)

- c. PROMISE #3 Because you are saved, you have the potential to be \_\_\_\_\_ by the Lord at His coming, \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ . (v. 11)

- d. PROMISE #4 As a believer in Christ, you are guaranteed a permanent \_\_\_\_\_ the Lord Jesus. (v. 12)

\* How does v. 13 apply to each and every one of us?