



The Church of the Open Door

Revelation 3:7-13

I. How did Christ Present Himself to this Church?

A. "He who is holy" (v.7)

"Holy, Holy, Holy, is the Lord God Almighty. Who was, and is, and is to come!" (Rev. 4:8)

Like the days before Noah when: The Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. (Gen. 6:5)

As in the days of Noah and Lot: Luke 17:26-30, And as it was in the days of Noah, so it will be also in the days of the Son of Man:...

²⁸Likewise as it was also in the days of Lot: They ate, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they built; ²⁹but on the day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven and destroyed them all. ³⁰Even so will it be in the day when the Son of Man is revealed.

The Last Days are also characterized by false teachers.

2 Peter 2:1-3, But there were also false prophets among the people, even as there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Lord who bought them, and bring on themselves swift destruction.

²And many will follow their destructive ways, because of whom the way of truth will be blasphemed.

³By covetousness they will exploit you with deceptive words; for a long time, their judgment has not been idle, and their destruction does not slumber.

The last days is a time of moral decline.

2 Timothy 3:1-4

B. "He is True"- Our Lord is unchanged - True!

C. "He has the key of David"

II. The Promise of Christ to This Church.

(V.8)

A. *"I have set before you an open door."*

Rom. 14:12; *So then, each of us shall give account of himself to God.*

1 Corinthians 3:11-15, *For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.*

¹²*Now if anyone builds on this foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, ¹³each one's work will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one's work, of what sort it is.*

¹⁴*If anyone's work which he has built on it endures, he will receive a reward. ¹⁵If anyone's work is burned, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire.*

An open door in a dark room, with a beam of light shining through it from the left, creating a warm glow on the floor and wall. The door is slightly ajar, and the light creates a strong contrast with the surrounding darkness.

B. What doors has God has opened for us.

C. Even with little strength, we can be effective!

Mark 16:20, And they went out and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word through the accompanying signs. Amen.

III. The Prospects for the Future of our Church. v. 9-11.

A. Even their enemies ultimately respected them.

v.9, ...*and know that I have loved you.*


B. Will be kept from the hour of Tribulation.

v.10, ...*which shall come upon the whole world.*

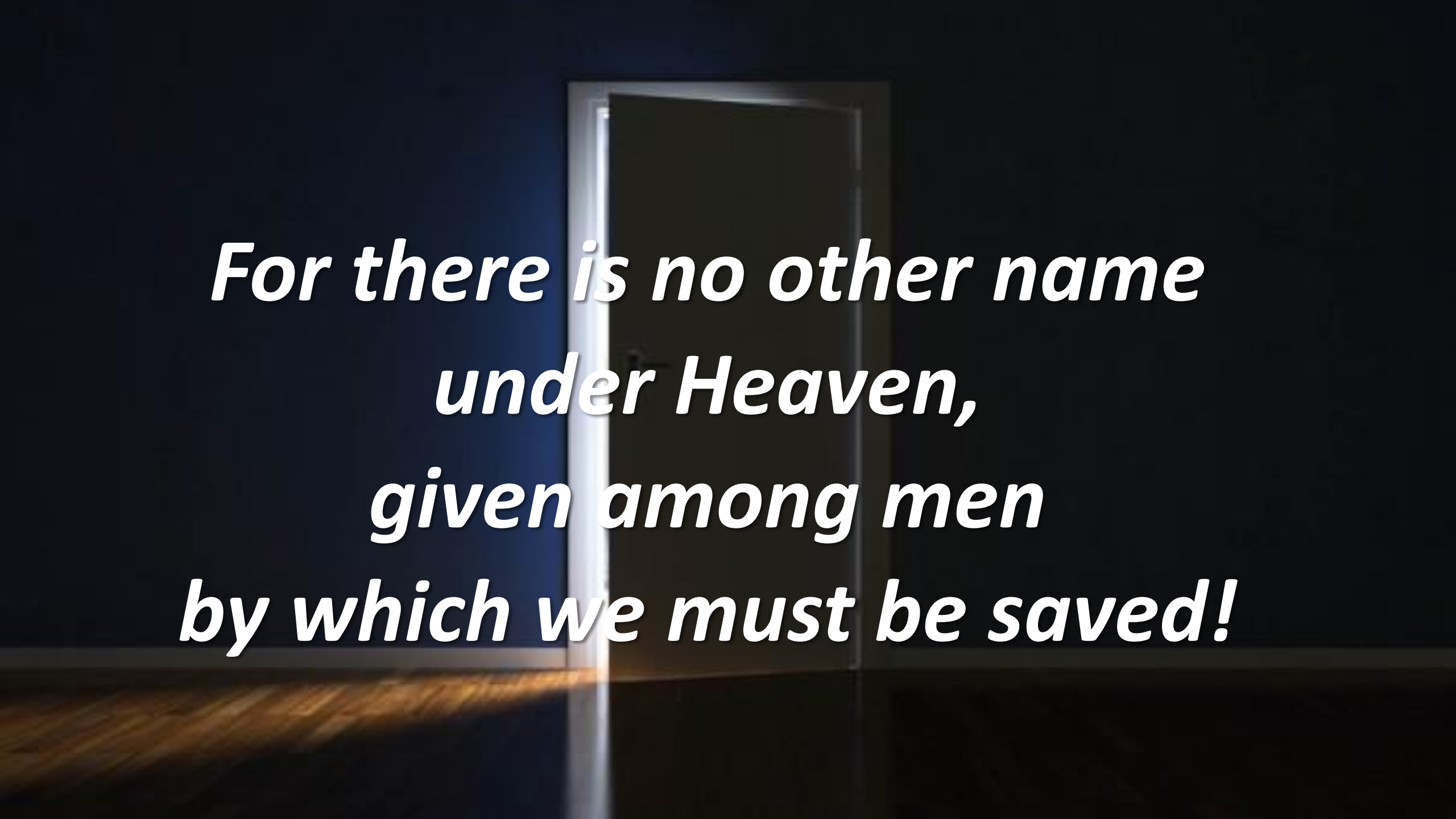
C. We are encouraged by Christ's promised return. v.11

D. Great rewards for the Overcomers. (v.12)

Pillars in the temple

An open door in a dark room, with a beam of light shining through it from the left. The door is white and stands out against the dark background. The light creates a warm, golden glow on the floor and the door's frame.

**How will you respond to your open door from God?
Will you commit today to do your part, pray, & serve?
Will you walk with us through this open door given us
by God to reach out so that Every Home is exposed to
the Gospel of Christ?**



*For there is no other name
under Heaven,
given among men
by which we must be saved!*