

# Revelation Chapter 3 Questions:

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1. What was the “open door” which Christ had placed before the faithful believers in Philadelphia?
2. How does Jesus’ mention of “the key of David” (Rev 3:7) here and his discussion of “the keys of the kingdom” in Matthew 16:19 help us to understand the “open door, which no one is able to shut,”?
3. The Church in Philadelphia had “but little power,” yet Jesus promised to make their enemies bow before them, to keep them from the coming hour of tribulation, and to set them as pillars in God’s temple. How do such promises bring you encouragement when you seem to have little power or influence for good in others’ lives?
4. When New Testament authors picture the church as the “temple” in which God dwells, what are they saying about our fellowship?
5. How should this truth affect our view of ourselves and our treatment of each other?
6. To the church in Philadelphia, Christ promised to make the one who conquers into a pillar, permanently installed in God’s temple, and inscribed with God’s name. How should that promise reassure us when we encounter rejection by others?

## Answers:

1. The open door was the door of God's heavenly temple and the right to enter to those who trusted on Christ's redemptive work for them.
2. The key of David represents the authority to give entrance to God's kingdom. Jesus the Son of David has the one and only right to open the way to the realm of God's gracious rule.
3. Answers will vary
4. The church together becomes a temple in which God dwells. We are to encourage one another as we build each other up in becoming this temple.
5. Answers will vary but should include that together we act in the best interest of fellow Christians whom we treat with love and respect.
6. We should remember who we are as Christ sees us. He sees the inward reality of what we will become in him. Believers have the name of God, God's city, and Christ himself engraved on them.