

## I. Glorious Headship over the Church (7-8)

A. Jesus is the watchful leader - “And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write...” **He knew who & where they were**

B. Jesus is the perfect leader - “...The words of the holy one, the true one...”

C. Jesus is the powerful leader - “...who has the key of David **{Divine authority}**, who opens and no one will shut, who shuts and no one opens **{Sovereign prerogative}**.”

D. Jesus is the interactive leader (8) - “I know your works. Behold, I have set before you an open door, which no one is able to shut. I know that you have but little power, and yet you have kept My word and have not denied My name.”

**Watching us, working on our behalf, knowing our limitations, measuring our obedience, listening to our words.**

## II. Fierce Opposition against the Church (9)

A. Empty religion will oppose (9a) - “Behold, I will make those of the synagogue of Satan...”

B. Deceptive messaging will confuse (9b) - “...who say that they are Jews and are not, but lie...”

C. Heavenly favor will arise (9c) - “...behold, I will make them come and bow down before your feet, and they will learn that I have loved you.”

## III. Promised Victory for the Church (10-12)

A. We cannot underestimate endurance (10) - “Because you have kept my word about patient endurance, I will keep you from the hour of trial that is coming on the whole world, to try those who dwell on the earth.”

B. We will be militant in love and loyalty (11) - “Behold I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown.”

C. We must remember our destiny (12) - “The one who conquers, I will make him a pillar in the temple of My God. Never shall he go out of it, and I will write on him the name of My God, and the name of the city of My God, the new Jerusalem, which comes down from My God out of heaven, and My own new name.”

**Our ultimate future is settled forever! We are: God’s Pillars, God’s People, God’s Property**

## IV. Required Confidence from the Church (13)

“He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.”

A. Are we open to Faith in God’s plan? **Believing**

B. Are we open to Follow God’s plan? **Beginning**

C. Are we open to Fulfilling God’s plan? **Becoming**