



HOW TO BE AN OVERCOMING CHURCH



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Philadelphia Was The Kind Of Church That We Aspire To Be:

- An Overcoming Church -- A Church Prepping For The Future
- Outreach And Missions Minded – Reaching People For Christ
- The Church Of Brotherly Love!

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- **Revelation 3:7–9 (NIV)** — 7 “To the angel of the church in Philadelphia write: These are the words of him who is holy and true, who holds the key of David. What he opens no one can shut, and what he shuts no one can open. 8 I know your deeds. See, I have placed before you an open door that no one can shut. I know that you have little strength, yet you have kept my word and have not denied my name. 9 I will make those who are of the synagogue of Satan, who claim to be Jews though they are not, but are liars—I will make them come and fall down at your feet and acknowledge that I have loved you.

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- **Revelation 3:10–13 (NIV)** — 10 Since you have kept my command to endure patiently, I will also keep you from the hour of trial that is going to come on the whole world to test the inhabitants of the earth. 11 I am coming soon. Hold on to what you have, so that no one will take your crown. 12 The one who is victorious I will make a pillar in the temple of my God. Never again will they leave it. I will write on them the name of my God and the name of the city of my God, the new Jerusalem, which is coming down out of heaven from my God; and I will also write on them my new name. 13 Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches

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1. The Church & City

- The name Philadelphia means "brotherly love."
- PHILADELPHIA was located at the place where the borders of three countries met. Mysia, Phrygia, and Lydia. This made Philadelphia the Gateway to the East and a strategic location for being a mission outpost.

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2. Christ The Creator Of The Letter—3:7

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Jesus Is The One Who Holds The Keys:

- He Holds The Key To The Door Of Salvation.
- He Holds The Key To The Door Of Service In Missions & Ministry
- Christ Holds The Key To The Door Of The Hearts Of His People .
- Christ Holds The Key To The Door Of The Scriptures.
- Christ Hold The Key To The Door Of Heaven.

Christ Holds All The Keys!

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3. The Commendations—3:8

- **Revelation 3:8 (NIV)** — 8 I know your deeds. See, I have placed before you an open door that no one can shut. I know that you have little strength, yet you have kept my word and have not denied my name.

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4. The Coming Change—3:9

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5. The Coming Rescue

- **Revelation 3:10 (NIV)** — 10 Since you have kept my command to endure patiently, I will also keep you from the hour of trial that is going to come on the whole world to test the inhabitants of the earth.
- As We Hold On And Keep The Faith, We Will Overcome
He Will Keep Us From The Hour Of Trial.

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6. Holding On To The Coming Crown—3:11

- **Revelation 3:11 (NIV)** — 11 I am coming soon. Hold on to what you have, so that no one will take your crown.

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7. The Confirmation For Overcomers 3:12, 13

- **Revelation 3:12–13 (NIV)** — 12 The one who is victorious (AN OVERCOMER) I will make a pillar in the temple of my God. Never again will they leave it. I will write on them the name of my God and the name of the city of my God, the new Jerusalem, which is coming down out of heaven from my God; and I will also write on them my new name. 13 Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches.

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8. Listen Up!

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