All In with Jordan Easley

Philadelphia

Your Search For The Right Church | Week 6 | Revelation 3:7-13

INTRODUCTION	NOTES
As we continue our series on the seven churches in Revelation, we're going to see what Jesus had to say to the church in Philadelphia. The main message that Jesus wanted to deliver to this church was this: Jesus is the source of all truth. He said, "I am the Holy One (set apart) and I am the truth." In other words, Jesus never lies. He tells the truth. His word is true. His very essence is truth. Jesus is 100% reliable. He's dependable. So if you know Jesus, you know the truth. In this message, we're going to see exactly what we can expect when we live according to THE TRUTH, the truth of Jesus Christ.	
KEY POINTS	
1. God promises protection for His Church. Because the church at Philadelphia kept His word, because they were faithful, He promised to keep them from the hour of trial. Do you see the words, "keep you from"? Well, in the Greek, that phrase literally means, "out of."	
Jesus is talking about those seven years of tribulation after the church is raptured up. Now, some people believe that the church (those who've been born again) will go THROUGH those seven years of tribulation, but the only problem I have with that assumption is found in verse 10. He says, "I will also keep you from (or 'out of') the hour of trial. He doesn't say "I will keep you 'through' the hour of trial." He said, "I'll keep you out of it." Jesus promises a protective evacuation for His Church.	
2. God provides a promise for His Church. When the prophecies of Scripture begin to be fulfilled and the events surrounding the return of Christ begin to unfold, Jesus' return will happen very quickly. One of these days, we're going to hear the trumpet of God, and when that happens, those of us who love Jesus with all our hearts will be caught up with Him in the clouds, and we will go to be with Him in Heaven.	
Those who have never received Jesus will be on earth in tribulation. And do you know what the Bible tells us? The church at Philadelphia won't be there. They will be called up in the rapture because they surrendered their lives to Jesus and lived faithfully for Him. May we live our lives the same way as we continue to follow Christ.	

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QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

- 1. How is the church at Philadelphia different from the other churches we've studied in this series so far?
- 2. How do you feel reading about the protection God offers His Church in verse 10 of today's key passage?

3.	How have you seen some biblical prophecies surrounding the End Times already come true?