

CHRIST IN THE MIDST OF US  
To The Church In Philadelphia: Be Steadfast  
Revelation 3:7-13  
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When you go through storms in life do you look for the good or do you feel judged.

The bible tells us the rain falls on the just and the unjust.

**Be Steadfast**

*“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. 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.*

Revelation 3:7-13 NIV

The church of Philadelphia was faithful to Christ.

**THE CHURCH HAS OPPOSITION AND OPPORTUNITY UNTIL CHRIST RETURNS**

There is always opposition and always opportunity depending on how you view your circumstances.

You do not have to be large and successful for God to use a church.

What Jesus decides to do, no one can stop Him. He is the Head of the church and has all authority and all power.

Jesus loves doing the impossible. That is when He is seen most clearly.

**THE OPPOSITION OF THE JEWS**

Jesus calls them the synagogue of Satan because these Jews have rejected Jesus as Savior.

Unbelief sees obstruction to ministry.

Faith sees opportunities for ministry.

The church in Philadelphia trusted God and put their faith in Him no matter the obstacles. Obedient no matter the cost.

**THE CHURCH HAS ETERNAL REWARDS WHEN CHRIST RETURNS**

No matter what you are dealing with right now, on that day it will be all right.

Three Promises He gives them

1. Jesus will make their enemies bow down before them.
2. Jesus will shield them from trials that are coming.
3. Jesus will honor them in eternity.

Obstacles and opportunities are before us. What do you see?

When Jesus opens a door no one can close it.

God is awesome and can overcome any obstacle.

Our faith is in Jesus King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

Be steadfast and faithful in your walk with Jesus and His church.