

Message Five

Rev. 3:7-13

- 7 And to the messenger of the church in Philadelphia write: These things says the Holy One, the true One, the One who has the key of David, the One who opens and no one will shut, and shuts and no one opens:
- 8 I know your works; behold, I have put before you an opened door which no one can shut, because you have a little power and have kept My word and have not denied My name.
- 9 Behold, I will make those of the synagogue of Satan, those who call themselves Jews and are not, but lie—behold, I will cause them to come and fall prostrate before your feet and to know that I have loved you.
- 10 Because you have kept the word of My endurance, I also will keep you out of the hour of trial, which is about to come on the whole inhabited earth, to try them who dwell on the earth.
- 11 I come quickly; hold fast what you have that no one take your crown.
- 12 He who overcomes, him I will make a pillar in the temple of My God, and he shall by no means go out anymore, and I will write upon him the name of My God and the name of the city of My God, the New Jerusalem, which descends out of heaven from My God, and My new name.
- 13 He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.

V. The Church in Philadelphia—Rev. 3:7-13:

- A. “Philadelphia”:
 1. From the early part of the nineteenth century to the second coming of the Lord.
 2. Coming back to the beginning and finishing what Sardis only began.
- B. The Lord’s name:
 1. He is “the One.”
 2. The “key of David.”
 3. The one putting before us an “opened door.”
- C. The condition of the church:
 1. Captivity has ended!
 2. Having “a little power”—not special, just normal.
 3. Keeping the Lord’s word:
 - a. The word being the Lord’s expression.
 - b. Even the simplest loving and knowing the word.
 4. Not denying the Lord’s name:
 - a. The name being the Lord Himself.
 - b. No denominating, just calling!
 5. Opposers eventually having to acknowledge the Lord’s love for the church in Philadelphia.
 6. Keeping the word of the Lord’s endurance and being kept out of “the *hour* of trial.”
 7. The Lord coming quickly.
 8. One danger: losing the crown:
 - a. Having the crown already.
 - b. Turning from loving the Lord and the brothers, and from being faithful to the Word of God.
- D. The promise to the overcomers and call to those with an ear:
 1. Overcoming to hold fast.
 2. Made a pillar in the temple—firmly built in!
 3. Three names written, indicating that God’s eternal purpose is accomplished.
- E. Measuring the church in Philadelphia.