

**PHILADELPHIA: THE CHURCH WITH THE OPEN DOOR**  
(Revelation 3:7-13)

**I. The THINGS Which You HAVE SEEN (Revelation 1)**

**II. The THINGS Which ARE (Revelation 2-3)**

**A. Ephesus: The Church With The Fatal Flaw (2:1-7)—they left their first love**

**B. Smyrna: The Suffering Church (2:8-11)—they were to rejoice in their suffering for Christ**

**C. Pergamos: The Church Wedded With the World (2:12-17)—they compromised their testimony**

**D. Thyatira: The Church that Tolerated False Teaching (2:18-29)—they facing divine discipline**

**E. Sardis: The Church that was dead & dying (3:1-6) – they were to repent**

**F. Philadelphia: The Church With The \_\_\_\_\_ (3:7-13)**

1. The **Church** & its *significance*: (3:7a) “...and to the angel of the \_\_\_\_\_ at Philadelphia write...”

2. The **Correspondent** & His *description* (3:7b) “Write, these thing says He ...”

a. As He who is \_\_\_\_\_, signifying His unique relationship above all others

b. As He who is \_\_\_\_\_, signifying His uniqueness in relation to all other false deities

c. As He who has the \_\_\_\_\_

• What did this title signify?

3. The **Criticism** Given this church: \_\_\_\_\_ !

4. The **Commendations & Promises** they were given were based on the Omniscient Christ (3:8-11)...

“I \_\_\_\_\_ your works...”

a. “See, I have set before you an \_\_\_\_\_ that no one can shut!”

• What is the significance of an “open door”?

• What should an open door mean to you & me?...

• Paul had open doors in his life time:

• What would be required of any opportunity God gives you?

b. Doing great things for God does not depend on natural \_\_\_\_\_, but God's \_\_\_\_\_ through us, as we \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_ to Him!

c. Effective service for Christ does not depend on the \_\_\_\_\_ of a church, but on their \_\_\_\_\_ to be used of Him!

d. The Omniscient Christ \_\_\_\_\_ the church at Philadelphia had: (3:8)

1) “\_\_\_\_\_ strength”, probably meaning they were only a \_\_\_\_\_ in number there,

2) “\_\_\_\_\_ His word”, implying they were \_\_\_\_\_ in Him—which is the key to all fruitfulness & acceptable service in the Christian life (John 15:5)

3) “had not \_\_\_\_\_ His name”, meaning they had been \_\_\_\_\_ to their Savior in the midst of trial & opposition

e. Christ's *Promises* to them included: (3:9-10)\

1) \_\_\_\_\_ & eventual \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ by their oppressors (3:9)

2) Complete \_\_\_\_\_ from the coming tribulation period (3:10)

f. The only *Command* given this church was to “\_\_\_\_\_ *to what you have*” (3:11)

- Why were they told to holdfast?

5. The **Concluding Encouragements** to consider: (3:12-13)

a. to the overcomer, meaning to the \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ, two things are promised ...

1) you are seen as a \_\_\_\_\_ in the household of God (3:12a)

2) you will receive a \_\_\_\_\_ because of your faith in Christ (3:12b)

b. to those who have an ear to hear.... “\_\_\_\_\_ what the Spirit is saying” to you!

What does all this mean to you?