



# **"The Key to the Door"**

Revelation 3:7-9

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## **SCRIPTURE PASSAGE:**

**"7 "And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write: 'The words of the holy one, the true one, who has the key of David, who opens and no one will shut, who shuts and no one opens. 8 "I know your works. Behold, I have set before you an open door, which no one is able to shut. I know that you have but little power, and yet you have kept my word and have not denied my name. 9 Behold, I will make those of the synagogue of Satan who say that they are Jews and are not, but lie--behold, I will make them come and bow down before your feet, and they will learn that I have loved you. 10 Because you have kept my word about patient endurance, I will keep you from the hour of trial that is coming on the whole world, to try those who dwell on the earth. 11 I am coming soon. Hold fast what you have, so that no one may seize your crown. 12 The one who conquers, I will make him a pillar in the temple of my God. Never shall he go out of it, and I will write on him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, the new Jerusalem, which comes down from my God out of heaven, and my own new name. 13 He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.'" [Rev 3:7-13 ESV]**

## **Introduction**

**The glorified Christ commends the church at Philadelphia for their good works and for keeping His word about patient endurance in light of Jewish persecution and promises a future eternal dwelling place in the New Jerusalem for those who hold fast and overcome.**

### **1. The source for perseverance in good works is \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ God.**

**"And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write: 'The words of the holy one, the true one, who has the key of David, who opens and no one will shut, who shuts and no one opens. v7**

**"Without doubt the emphasis in Christian teaching today should be on worship. There is little danger that we shall become merely worshipers and neglect the practical implications of the gospel. No one can long worship God in spirit and in truth before the obligation to holy service becomes too strong to resist. Fellowship with God leads straight to obedience and good works. That is the divine order and it can never be reversed." — Born After Midnight, 126.**

**Jesus Christ, the Son of God says three things in regard to His identity.**

#### **1) I AM is the image of God in flesh and I AM indescribable divine holiness.**

🔊 **"15 Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!" [2Co 9:15 NASB95]**

#### **2) I AM the Son of God YHWH and I shared divine glory with the Father before the world was.**

🔊 **5 "Now, Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was." [Jhn 17:3-5 NASB95]**

#### **3) He holds the key of David the opens the door.**

**(1) The key unlocks the blessing of the \_\_\_\_\_ kingdom of God on earth.**

🔊 **"22 "Then I will set the key of the house of David on his shoulder, When he opens no one will shut, When he shuts no one will open." [Isa 22:22 NASB95]**

**(2) The key opens the door to the 1st \_\_\_\_\_.**

🔊 **"4 Then I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was given to them. And I [saw] the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their testimony of Jesus and because of the word of God, and those who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received the**

mark on their forehead and on their hand; and they came to life and reigned with Christ for a thousand years. 5 The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were completed. This is the first resurrection." [Rev 20:4-5 NASB95]

## 2. Christ commends the work of a \_\_\_\_\_ of faith.

**"I know your works. Behold, I have set before you an open door, which no one is able to shut. I know that you have but little power, and yet you have kept my word and have not denied my name. v8**

☞ "20 And He said to them, "Because of the littleness of your faith; for truly I say to you, if you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible to you." [Mat 17:20 NASB95]

**Jesus knows your works that you...**

- 1) **...have kept His word.**
- 2) **...have not denied His name.**
- 3) **...have kept my word about patient endurance. v10**

**Jesus Christ the omnipresent and omniscient knows...**

### 1) **...the churches \_\_\_\_\_.**

☞ "19 "I know your [Thyatira's] works, love, service, faith, and your patience; and [as] for your works, the last [are] more than the first." [Rev 2:19 NKJV]

### 2) **...if and when we keep His \_\_\_\_\_.**

☞ "23 Jesus answered and said to him, "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him." [Jhn 14:23 NKJV]

✳ **Genuine believers trust that Jesus is who He says He is therefore they trust His word as the ultimate \_\_\_\_\_.**

### 3) **...if for fear of man we deny the \_\_\_\_\_.**

☞ "22 Who is the liar but the one who denies that Jesus is the Christ? This is the antichrist, the one who denies the Father and the Son." [1Jo 2:22 NASB95]" [Jhn 14:23 NKJV]

✳ **What is the cost of public \_\_\_\_\_ in many places today?**

### 4) **...if you have kept His word about \_\_\_\_\_.**

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## 3. Christ provides a present \_\_\_\_\_ and future \_\_\_\_\_ to the faithful.

**"...Behold, I have set before you an open door, which no one is able to shut. I know that you have but little power, ... v8 Behold, I will make those of the synagogue of Satan who say that they are Jews and are not, but lie--behold, I will make them come and bow down before your feet, and they will learn that I have loved you. v9**

**What is the proper interpretation of "an open door"...**

### 1) **The open door is a metaphor for \_\_\_\_\_ opportunities.**

**"...Behold, I have set before you an open door, which no one is able to shut. v8**

☞ "27 When they had arrived and gathered the church together, they [began] to report all things that God had done with them and how He **had opened a door of faith to the Gentiles.**" [Act 14:27]

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## **1) The geographical \_\_\_\_\_ may explain the open door metaphor.**

William Ramsay describes the geographic location of Philadelphia as a gateway on the Great Persian highway from the East that leads to the Central Plateau of present day Turkey. It would have been the hub for trade and communication between the continents of Asia, Europe, and Africa. A prime city for the spread of the gospel.

## **2) God's strength is made perfect for those who have little power but a mustard seed of \_\_\_\_\_. *I know that you have but little power, v8***

"9 And He has said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is perfected in weakness." Most gladly, therefore, I will rather boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me." [2Co 12:9 NASB95]

## **2) It is a metaphor to behold the shared \_\_\_\_\_ that Christ will win at the 2nd coming.**

"26 'He who overcomes, and he who keeps My deeds until the end, TO HIM I WILL GIVE AUTHORITY OVER THE NATIONS; 27 AND HE SHALL RULE THEM WITH A ROD OF IRON, AS THE VESSELS OF THE POTTER ARE BROKEN TO PIECES, as I also have received [authority] from My Father;" [Rev 2:26-27 NASB95]

**The three behold phrases represent the victory Christ wins for the overcomer.**

## **1) Christ sets before you the opportunity to conquer the \_\_\_\_\_ by faith.**

***“...Behold, I have set before you an open door, which no one is able to shut. v8***

"20 The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet. The grace of our Lord Jesus be with you." [Rom 16:20 NASB95]

"19 For who is our hope or joy or crown of exultation? Is it not even you, in the presence of our Lord Jesus at His coming? 20 For you are our glory and joy." [1Th 2:19-20 NASB95]

## **2) Christ will \_\_\_\_\_ those unbelieving Jews in the synagogue of Satan who persecute you. *Behold, I will make those of the synagogue of Satan who say that they are Jews and are not, but lie-- v9***

"31 When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory: 32 And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth [his] sheep from the goats:" [Mat 25:31-32 KJV]

## **3) Christ will \_\_\_\_\_ the persecutors and they will bow before you.. *behold, I will make them come and bow down before your feet, and they will learn that I have loved you. v9 v9***

"1 See how great a love the Father has bestowed on us, that we would be called children of God; and [such] we are. For this reason the world does not know us, because it did not know Him. 2 Beloved, now we are children of God, and it has not appeared as yet what we will be. We know that when He appears, we will be like Him, because we will see Him just as He is. 3 And everyone who has this hope [fixed] on Him purifies himself, just as He is pure." [1Jo 3:1-3 NASB95]