

Revelation 3:7-13-Passion

7 Write the following to the messenger of the congregation in Philadelphia, for these are the solemn words of the Holy One, the true one, who has David's key, who opens doors that none can shut and who closes doors that none can open:

8 I know all that you've done. Now I have set before you a wide-open door that none can shut. For I know that you possess only a little power, yet you've kept my word and haven't denied my name.

9 Watch how I deal with those of the synagogue of Satan who say that they are Jews but are not, for they're lying. I will make them come and bow down at your feet and acknowledge how much I've loved you.

10 Because you've passionately kept my message of perseverance, I will also keep you from the hour of proving that is coming to test every person on earth.

11 But I come swiftly, so cling tightly to what you have, so that no one may seize your crown of victory.

12 For the one who is victorious, I will make you to be a pillar in the sanctuary of my God, permanently secure. I will write on you the name of my God and the name of the city of my God—the New Jerusalem, descending from my God out of heaven. And I'll write my own name on you.

13 So the one whose heart is open let him listen carefully to what the Spirit is now saying to all the churches.

Matthew 16:19-AMP

I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; and whatever you bind (declare to be improper and unlawful) on earth must be what is already bound in heaven; and whatever you loose (declare lawful) on earth must be what is already loosed in heaven. (Isaiah 22:22)

Christ commends the Philadelphia church on seven counts:

1. "I know all that you've done." (verse 8).

Ephesians 2:8-10 teaches us,

"For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast.

For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."

Passion – v. 10- We have become his poetry, *a re-created people that will fulfill the destiny he has given each of us*, for we are joined to Jesus, the Anointed One. *Even before we were born, God planned in advance our destiny and the good works we would do to fulfill it!*

James 2:18-Passion

...Go ahead then and prove to me that you have faith without works and I will show you faith by my works as proof that I believe.

2. "Now I have set before you a wide-open door that none can shut." (v.8).
Or "a door having been opened in your sight."

Romans 4:17-NLT

For the Kingdom of God is not a matter of what we eat or drink, but of living a life of goodness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.

Revelation 4:1-NLT

Then as I looked, I saw a door standing open in heaven, and the same voice I had heard before spoke to me *like a trumpet blast*. The voice said, "Come up here, and I will show you what must happen after this."

I Corinthians 16:9-Passion

There's an amazing door of opportunity standing wide open for me to minister here, even though there are many who oppose and stand against me.

Colossians 4:3-Passion

And please pray for me, that God will open a door of opportunity for us to preach the revelation of the mystery of Christ, for whose sake I am imprisoned.

3. "For I know that you possess only a little power" (verse 8).

Galatians 6:9-AMP

And let us not lose heart and grow weary and faint in acting nobly and doing right, for in due time and at the appointed season we shall reap, if we do not loosen and relax our courage and faint.

4. "yet you've kept my word" (verse 8).

5. “and haven’t denied my name” (verse 8).

2Chronicles 16:9-AMP

For the *eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth to show Himself strong in behalf of those* whose *hearts are blameless toward Him.*

6. “I will make them come and bow down at your feet and acknowledge *how much I’ve loved you*”. (verse 9).

7. “Because you’ve passionately kept my message of perseverance, I will also keep you from the hour of proving that is coming to test every person on earth.” (verse 10).

2Peter 3:9-AMP

The Lord does not delay and is not tardy or slow about what He promises, according to some people's conception of slowness, but *He is long-suffering (extraordinarily patient) toward you, not desiring that any should perish, but that all should turn to repentance.*

“But I come swiftly, so cling tightly to what you have, so that no one may seize your crown of victory.”

Luke 18:8-Passion

God will give swift justice to those who don’t give up. *So be ever praying, ever expecting,* just like the widow was with the judge. *Yet when the Son of Man comes back, will he find this kind of persistent faithfulness in his people?”*



BEING FAITHFUL TO THE END.

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