

THE CHURCH AT PHILADELPHIA

Revelation 3:7-13

How does Jesus characterize Himself (7)?

What do you suppose “the key of David” means here?

Christ as Messiah has authority to offer entrance in the Kingdom.

What do you imagine the “open door” indicates? (8)

Which interpretation seems better—the door of opportunity or the door to the Kingdom?

- Compare Acts 14:27; I Cor. 16:9; II Cor. 2:12; Col. 4:3
- The door opened for evangelistic ministry.

What are the open doors in your life and our community?

“I know your deeds” appears with a different meaning from other churches.

- On this occasion, “I know” recognizes God’s awareness.
- What God knows about the church is unclear.
- Perhaps they are fully capable of walking through the open door.

What does Jesus express concern about in Philadelphia? (8)

What is commendable in this church?

What will God do to change the situation (9)?

- Show His love through the church.
- The opposition will change their ways by acknowledging God’s love and by showing respect.

Why will the congregation be spared “the hour of trial”? (10)

- “Keep” may not mean kept from, but kept in or during.
- God will take us safely through times of difficulty.

What is the importance of knowing “I am coming soon”?

**Why do you imagine the instruction, “Hold on to what you have”?
(11)**

What might be held onto?

What might be deserving of a crown if held onto?

What are the promises made to the overcomer? (12)

What does a pillar do?

Why would we want to be one?

What will be written on the pillar?

The “new name” of Christ might symbolize the greater glories of Christ’s character seen at His coming.