

The Revelation

(6) The Message to the Church

The letter to the Church at Philadelphia... Rev.3:7-13

How is Christ described to the church at Philadelphia? vs.7

He who is Holy and True, holds the key of David, opens... and shuts... absolutely.

What attributes of Christ do these represent? Rev.6:10; Is.22:22; ICor.15:20-28

Holy and True = Deity; Keys of David = Authority; Open/shuts = Absolute authority

What is the commendation to this church? vs.8

He know their deeds; they kept His Word, did not deny Him. Therefore, an open door...

What is the open door and why did He give it to them? vs.8 Acts14:27; ICor.16:9; Col.4:3-4

An open door is symbolic of unhindered opportunity to minister. Because of 'little power'!

Comment on their condemnation and why. vs.9-10

No condemnation! Under great persecution, they persevered. Failures to men but ...

What is the first promise made to this church? vs.9 Phil.2:10-11 Is.45:23-35

He would make their persecutors, false Jews, Satanic followers, to bow at their feet.

And what is the second beautiful promise made to this church? vs.10

They would be kept from (not kept thru) the 'hour of testing' coming to the whole world.

What is the STRONG implication of this promise to the church today? IThess.4:17-18

We also will be kept from (rapture) the tribulation, coming quickly. Note the comfort!

Comment on the admonition to not lose their crown? IITim.4:8; James 1:12; IPet.5:4

By being unfaithful, they (and we) can lose for all eternity. We need strong faith.

The letter to the Church at Laodicea... Rev.3:14-22

How is Christ described to the church at Laodicea? vs.14 What attribute is emphasized?

The Amen, faithful and true Witness, the Beginning of the creation of God. Sovereignty

What is this church commended for? Condemned for? vs.15-17 Comment? Col.4:16-17

No commendation! But rebuked for being lukewarm. Perhaps the riches, vs.17?

Laodicea was a rich town/church. Banking, black wool garments, medical school/eye salve. How does Christ use all this to urge believers to get serious? vs.16-18

Not rich/elite/well clothed/providing eye care; they're wretched, poor, blind, naked!

And what does He urge them to do? What's their remedy? vs.18

Buy from Christ refined gold (spiritual), White garments, and spiritual eye salve to see.

How are we reminded again that the Lord is speaking to believers here? vs.19

Those whom I love, I reprove and discipline. Get hot! Get serious! Not rejected lukewarm.

How does Christ picture Himself in relation to these believers? vs.20 Comment?

As being outside their lives. He is knocking and asking to come in! Opens from the inside...