

“WHICH CHURCH ARE YOU?”

Part 6

Revelation 3:7-13 (NKJV)

“Write this letter to the angel of the church in Philadelphia. This is the message from the one who is holy and true, the one who has the key of David. What he opens, no one can close; and what he closes, no one can open: ⁸“I know all the things you do, and I have opened a door for you that no one can close. You have little strength, yet you obeyed my word and did not deny me. ⁹Look, I will force those who belong to Satan’s synagogue—those liars who say they are Jews but are not—to come and bow down at your feet. They will acknowledge that you are the ones I love. ¹⁰“Because you have obeyed my command to persevere, I will protect you from the great time of testing that will come upon the whole world to test those who belong to this world. ¹¹I am coming soon. Hold on to what you have, so that no one will take away your crown. ¹²All who are victorious will become pillars in the Temple of my God, and they will never have to leave it. And I will write on them the name of my God, and they will be citizens in the city of my God—the new Jerusalem that comes down from heaven from my God. And I will also write on them my new name. ¹³“Anyone with ears to hear must listen to the Spirit and understand what he is saying to the churches.”

- 1) The **CHURCH** at Philadelphia is known as the **FAITHFUL** church.
- 2) The church at Philadelphia represents a historical period within the **CHRISTIAN** church from about the year **1800-1900**.
- 3) In v. 8 **JESUS** compliments the church along with the promise of an **OPEN** door.
- 4) The open **DOOR** that Jesus **PROMISES** in v. 8 is ultimately a door of salvation that will never be **SHUT**.
- 5) The **PILLAR** referenced in v. 12 represents specific promises that Jesus makes to those who are faithful to the **END**.
- 6) The first promise that Jesus gives to those who are **FAITHFUL** to the end is that He promises to give them **STRENGTH** (v. 12).
- 7) When Jesus gives us strength to remain **STRONG** and steadfast come what may, He then can **USE** us to show others the magnitude and enormity of His **POWER**.
- 9) Jesus promises that He will force those **FOLLOWERS** of the synagogue of Satan to **BOW** and at the **FEET** of the church (v. 9).

- 10) The second promise that Jesus gives to those who are **FAITHFUL** to the end is that He promises to give them **SECURITY** (v. 12).
- 11) The third promise that Jesus gives to those who are **FAITHFUL** to the end is that He promises to give them **SIGNIFICANCE** (v. 12).
- 12) There are two ways in which we experience significance in Jesus today: 1) We receive a new **IDENTITY**, and 2) We receive a new **PURPOSE**.