Study Continued

6. Read Revelation 3:9-12. The church in Philadelphia had much opposition. What is the encouragement that God gives the church and why?

What are God's instructions to the church as they go through difficult times?

- 7. In Revelation 3:10 Jesus says, "I will also keep you from the hour of trial..." In what ways does God keep us? (also read 2 Timothy 1:12; Psalm 121:7-8
- 8. Verse11 says, "I am coming soon. Hold on to what you have, so that no one will take your crown." How do we, 'hold on?'





"Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches."

The 7 Churches of Revelation

- 1. Ephesus Remember your first love
- 2. Smyrna Be fearless and faithful
- 3. Pergamum Don't compromise
- 4. Thyatira Hold on to the truth
- 5. Sardis Be obedient to the Word
- 6. Philadelphia A open door for the faithful church
- 7. Laodicea Let Jesus in and be on fire for God

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To the church in Philadelphia - Revelation 3:7-13

v.8 See, I have placed before you an _____ that no one can shut. John 4:35

THE OPEN DOOR (v.7-8)

7 Churches:

v.7 These are the words of Him who is...

Holds the _____

Isaiah 22:22

Philadelphia:

Door of opportunity Acts 14:27; Col 4:3; 1 Cor 16:9

John 10:7 ____ the door

Our witness to the world:

v.8 I know that you have _____, yet you have...

___ kept my word and have not ______.

THE GOD WHO KEEPS US (v.9-12)

When we are faithful to Jesus, God will keep us from:

1 Timothy 1:12

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v.11-12 God's promise to the faithful:

- 1. Read Revelation 3:7-12. From this passage, how would you describe the Christians in Philadelphia?
- 2. From verse 7, how does Jesus describe Himself? Explain.

What do these characteristics of Jesus mean to us as followers of Jesus?

3. The town of Philadelphia was built as a missionary town for Greek culture. The church in Philadelphia was a group of people before whom God had placed an 'open door' of opportunity to bring the Good News to those around them. (Also read: Acts 14:27; Colossians 4:3; 1 Corinthians 16:9) What do the words, 'open door' mean?

Read John 10:7-10 (note: The Greek word 'thura' can be translated door or gate, depending on the application of the word. It is the same word that is used in both John 10:7-10 and Revelation 3:8). Who is the door?

What is the 'open door' of opportunity around you?

- 4. From Revelation 3:8 what are the essential qualifications of Christians to be used by God in this way?
- 5. Revelation 3:8 talks about the people in Philadelphia having 'little strength.' However they have kept his word and not denied the name of Jesus. The way we live our lives is an essential element of our witness. Why is the way we live so important, if we are going to tell people about Jesus?

We can often feel like we have 'little strength,' and little to offer when it comes to being witnesses for Christ. However, in actual fact, this makes us more useful to Jesus. Why? (Also read 2 Corinthians 12:10 & Philippians 4:13)