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The Things That Are  
**Letters to the 7 churches**

**Philadelphia**

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Intro:

Jesus knows His church. He pays attention to what is going on.

There are 4 levels of application:

- 1.** The Local; Real 1<sup>st</sup> century churches, real issues.
- 2.** Ecclesiastical; to all churches;
- 3.** Personal Application, we are to individually pay attention to these letters.
- 4.** Prophetic Application, each church mentioned refers to a particular church age

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Intro:

We are to be watchful regarding;

- 1.** The wiles or agenda of Satan;
- 2.** Temptation;
- 3.** False Teachers,
- 4.** The Lord's return, 1 Thess. 5:6.

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## The City

- A.** The youngest, established in 189 BC by Eumenes II;
- B.** The name, Philadelphia, stands for, Brotherly Love.
- C.** It was founded to be a center for Greek culture.
- D.** Wine making was/is its primary commerce.



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## **The Church**

Not much revealed in scripture regarding who founded it or when. It was probably a result of Paul's evangelistic endeavors from his Ephesians ministry.

No one notable connected with the church.

Was one of only two churches in which there was no mention of any moral, doctrinal failures, or of any concerns noted by the Lord.

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### A. The Correspondent:

1. “He who is holy”: An essential attribute of God.
2. “who is true”: alēthinos, that which is real, genuine.
3. “One who has the key of David”: Christ alone controls access to God the Father.
4. “who opens and no one shuts, who shuts and no one opens”; This denotes the ultimate sovereignty of the Lord. Isa. 43:13.



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## **B. The Condemnation:**

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### C. The Commendation:

1. “I know your works”. The omniscience of the Lord.
2. “You have little power”: Not a negative. Though small they were faithful and effective.
3. “You have kept my word”: Obedience proves the genuineness for the love of the Savior.
4. “You have not denied My name”: Did not waver under threat of persecution, lose their 1<sup>st</sup> love, or compromise with the world.
5. “You have kept the word of My perseverance”: Endurance/perseverance is a trait of the Holy Spirit.

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### D. The Council:

1. “I am coming soon”: Their trials will be short lived.
2. “Hold fast...”: To what God has given us in His Gospel.
3. That we won’t lose our crown. A reward that will be ours for righteous living and steadfast devotion. **2 Timothy 4:6-8**

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## E. The Promise to Overcomers:

1. He sets before them an open door:
  - A. Their salvation is secure; **John 10:7-9**
  - B. Opportunities for ministry. **1 Cor. 16:8-9; Col. 4:3.**
2. He will avenge their enemies:
  - A. The Jews will be broken and humbled.
3. He will keep them from the Tribulation which is:
  - A. A test for the future;
  - B. For a limited time; **Matt. 24:22**
  - C. World wide in scope
  - D. To test Unbelievers

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## E. The Promise to Overcomers:

**4.** They will have a permanent home in heaven.

**A.** “A pillar in God’s temple” means stability and honor.

**B.** That we will carry “the Name of God” denotes ownership. We are His possession.

**C.** Our identity will be with the New Jerusalem, denoting safety, security and future glory.

**D.** We will have Christ’s Name. In heaven we will see Him, “as He is”. **1 John 3:2**