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The Faithful Church

Revelation 3:7-13

I. The Setting / Speaker (v. 7)

A. The city

B. The church

C. The characteristics of _____ emphasized

1. _____ in holy character (Isa. 6:3; Lk. 1:35; Acts 13:14)
2. _____ in unblemished truth (Jn. 14:6)
3. _____ in sovereign authority (Rev. 5:5; 22:16; Isa. 22:22; Rev. 1:18)

II. The Strengths (v. 8)

A. Good _____ (Eph. 2:10)

B. Open _____ (1 Cor. 16:8-9; 2 Cor. 2:12; Col. 4:2-3)

C. Little _____ (Eph. 1:18-19)

D. Kept Christ's _____ (2 Tim. 4:7)

E. Loyal _____ (Rom. 1:16)

III. The Sin / Suffering (vv. 9-10)

A. A promise to _____ their enemy (v. 9)
[Rom. 2:28-29; 1 Tim. 6:3-5; Phil. 2:9-11]

B. A promise to _____ them from the hour of testing (v. 10)
[Dan. 9:25-27; Jer. 30:7; Rev. 6:9-11]

IV. The Solution (v. 11)

A. Hold _____ to your faith (Rev. 2:25)

B. Don't _____ of your crown (Rev. 2:10; Jms. 1:12; 2 Tim. 4:8;
1 Pet. 5:4; Jn. 10:27-28)

V. The Summation (vv. 12-13)

A. The faithful over-comer (v. 12a) [Rom. 8:31-39]

B. The forever promise (v. 12b)

1. A _____ in God's temple (Gal. 2:9)

2. A _____ in God's temple (Psa. 27:4)

3. Three new names (v. 12c)

a) the _____ of my God (1 Cor. 6:20)

b) the name of the new _____ (Rev. 21:1-7)

c) the _____ name of Christ (2 Cor. 5:17; 1 Jn. 3:2)

C. The final counsel (v.13) [Rev. 2:7]

TAKE HOME

- How does Christ's holiness, authority, and sovereignty impact your day to day life?
- What does it mean to you to have a little power in a great God?
- How does knowing that you are a pillar in the temple of God encourage you to live a life fully devoted to Him?

STUDY QUESTIONS

James 1:22 says, *“But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.”* These questions are designed to help you apply today’s message to your life. We encourage you to thoughtfully answer these questions and discuss your answers with others. For more information about joining a small group that uses these questions as the basis for discussion, prayer, and accountability, please visit our website at placeritachurch.com.

1. Read Revelation 3:7. What did we learn about the city and church of Philadelphia today? Why does Christ reveal Himself this way to this church? (Isa. 6:3; Lk. 1:35; Acts 13:14; Jn. 14:6) How does this relate to your life in our church today?

2. Read Revelation 3:8. What were the weaknesses of this church? What were the strengths listed here of this church? (Eph. 1:18-19; 2:10; 2 Tim. 4:7; Rom. 1:16) Which strengths do you see in our church? Which strengths are missing from your own life?

3. Read Revelation 3:9. Who belonged to the synagogue of Satan? What happened to them? Are there still synagogues of Satan today? Discuss. (Rom. 2:28-29)

4. Read Revelation 3:10. What is the hour of testing? How does this promise to the church in Philadelphia encourage you today? (Rom. 2:28-29; 1 Tim. 6:3-5; Phil. 2:9-11)

5. Read Revelation 3:11. What was the Philadelphian’s crown? What is this verse about? How does that encourage you today? (Rev. 2:10; Jms. 1:12; 2 Tim. 4:8; 1 Pet. 5:4; Jn. 10:27-28)

6. Read Revelation 3:12-13. What are the three names given to the over-comer? How can you live differently based on these truths? (1 Cor. 6:19-20; Rev. 21:1-7; 2 Cor. 5:17; 1 Jn. 3:2)

7. What life lessons have you learned today? What change do you think you need to make as result of this letter to Philadelphia?

“My dear brother, we must not mind a little suffering for Christ’s sake. When I am getting through a hedge, if my head and shoulders are safely through, I can bear the pricking of my legs. Let us rejoice in the remembrance that our holy Head has surmounted all His suffering and triumphed over death. Let us follow Him patiently; we shall soon be partakers of His victory.”

- Charles Simeon