

Series: Evaluating the Health of Your Heart

Message Title: *Philadelphia—The Faithful Church That Kept Jesus' Word*

Primary Texts: Revelation 3:7-13

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1. Believers should _____.

2. Faithful believers _____.

3. Faithful believers _____.

Revelation 3:7-13

7 "And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write: And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write: 'I know your deeds. Behold, I have put before you an open door which no one can shut, because you have a little power, and have kept My word, and have not denied My name. 9 Behold, I will cause those of the synagogue of Satan, who say that they are Jews and are not, but lie — I will make them come and bow down at your feet, and make them know that I have loved you. 10 Because you have kept the word of My perseverance, I also will keep you from the hour of testing, that hour which is about to come upon the whole world, to test those who dwell on the earth. 11 I am coming quickly; hold fast what you have, so that no one will take your crown. 12 He who overcomes, I will make him a pillar in the temple of My God, and he will not go out from it anymore; and I will write on him the name of My God, and the name of the city of My God, the new Jerusalem, which comes down out of heaven from My God, and My new name. 13 He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.'"

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

1. Read **Revelation 3:8**. To what do you think an “open door” refers? Read **Acts 10:17-33** and **2 Corinthians 2:12**. Who gives us these open doors? Read **1 Corinthians 16:8-9**. What does the apostle Paul say about his freedom to share the gospel? Read **Matthew 9:37-38** and **Colossians 4:2-4**. When the apostle Paul refers to an open door, what specific things does he ask the believers in the city of Colossae to do for him? What should you do?
2. Read **Revelation 3:8** and **1 Peter 4:1-5, 12-15**. In 1 Peter 4, the apostle Peter writes to believers who were being persecuted. What does he tell them to do even while being persecuted? Read **John 19:38**. In what way was Joseph commended and what was not a commendation? Read **Acts 4:29-31**. What does this verse say the early Christians did when they were persecuted? Read **Acts 8:1, 4**. What does this verse say the early Christians did when they were persecuted? Read **Matthew 28:19-20**. Why do you think the early Christians shared the gospel? What should you do?
3. Read **Revelation 3:9**. Who were the persecutors of the believers in the city of Philadelphia? What did Jesus say would happen to the persecutor of these believers? What would happen to these believers? Read **2 Thessalonians 1:3-10**; **1 Peter 4:4-7**. What does God say will happen to those who persecute believers? Do you think this is a divine principle? Read **Luke 23:34** and **Acts 7:60**. How should we respond to our persecutors?
4. Read **Matthew 5:10-12**. What does God promise for believers who are persecuted? In what ways can believers be persecuted? Read **1 Peter 4:12-14** and **Philippians 2:17**. What are believers promised here? Read **Revelation 3:10-13**. What did Jesus promise here and why did He make these promises? In ancient Philadelphia a contributor to the temple could have a column made and installed in the temple. Those who did that had their names engraved on the column. Therefore, what does it mean that Jesus will make believers a column and put their name on it? How should this motivate us to share the gospel?