

The 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost ~ Sunday, August 5, 2018

“Letters to the 7 Churches ~ Philadelphia”

Revelation 3:7-13



### JESUS' DESCRIPTION

“And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write: These are the words of the holy one, the true one, who has the key of David, who opens and no one will shut, who shuts and no one opens...” (Revelation 3:7)

**#1. He is the One who is \_\_\_\_\_.**  
“Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory.” (Isaiah 6:3)

“To whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal?” says the Holy One.” (Isaiah 40:25)

“I am the Lord, your Holy One, the Creator of Israel, your King.” (Isaiah 43:15)

*hagios* =

“He is the image of the invisible God, the first born of all creation...For in him all the fulness of God was pleased to dwell...” (Colossians 1:15; 19)

**#2. He is the One who is \_\_\_\_\_.**

*alethes* =

*alethinous* =

“And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding so that we may know him who is true; and we are in him who is true, in his Son Jesus Christ. He is the true God and eternal life.” (1 John 5:20)

**#3. He is the One who has the \_\_\_\_\_.**

Key =

*eliakim* =

“I will give him the key to the house of David—the highest position in the royal court. When he opens doors, no one will be able to close them; when he closes doors, no one will be able to open them.” (Isaiah 22:22)

Jesus is the new *eliakim* =

### JESUS' 3-FOLD COMPLIMENT

“I know your works. Look, I have set before you an open door, which no one is able to shut. I know that you have but little power, and yet you have kept my word and have not denied my name.” (Revelation 3:8)

**#1. Jesus commends them for their \_\_\_\_\_.**

“I know that you have little power.”

*dunamis* =

“That’s why I take pleasure in my weaknesses, and in the insults, hardships, persecutions, and troubles that I suffer for Christ. For when I am weak, then I am strong.” (2 Corinthians 12:10)

**#2. Jesus commends them for being \_\_\_\_\_.**

“...yet you have kept my word.”

*tereo* =

“Let the Word of Christ—the Message—have the run of the house. Give it plenty of room in your lives. Instruct and direct one another using good common sense. And sing, sing your hearts out to God!” (Colossians 3:16)

**#3. Jesus commends them for not \_\_\_\_\_.**

“...and have not denied my name.”

*arneomai* =

“So let’s not get tired of doing what is good. At just the right time we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don’t give up.” (Galatians 6:9)

“If you are faithful in little things, you will be faithful in large ones. But if you are dishonest in little things, you won’t be honest with greater responsibilities.

And if you are untrustworthy about worldly wealth, who will trust you with the true riches of heaven? And if you are not faithful with other people's things, why should you be trusted with things of your own?" (Luke 16:10-12)

### THE OPEN DOOR

"I have set before you an open door, which no one is able to shut" (Revelation 3:8)

*didomi* =

### 3 EXAMPLES OF OPEN DOORS

- **The Door of \_\_\_\_\_**

"I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture." (John 10:9)

- **The Door of \_\_\_\_\_**

"Look! I stand at the door and knock. If you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in, and we will share a meal together as friends." (Revelation 3:20)

- **The Door of \_\_\_\_\_**

**opportunity** =

"I will be staying at Ephesus until the holiday of Pentecost, for there is a wide open door for me to preach and teach here." (1 Corinthians 16:8-9)

"Don't forget to pray for us, that God will open doors for telling the mystery of Christ, even while I'm locked up in this jail." (Colossians 4:3)

"What is impossible for people is possible for God." (Luke 18:27)

### 2 THINGS TO REMEMBER

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### THE COMMITMENT

- **#1. Jesus commits to \_\_\_\_\_.**

"Look, 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." (Revelation 3:9)

"For you are not a true Jew just because you were born of Jewish parents or

because you have gone through the ceremony of circumcision. No, a true Jew is one whose heart is right with God. And true circumcision is not merely obeying the letter of the law; rather, it is a change of heart produced by God's Spirit." (Romans 2:28)

- **#2. Jesus commits His \_\_\_\_\_.**

"Because you have kept my word of patient endurance, I will keep you from the hour of trial that is coming on the whole world to test the inhabitants of the earth." (Revelation 3:10)

"Don't be afraid of those who want to kill your body; they cannot touch your soul..." (Matthew 10:28)

- **#3. Jesus commits to \_\_\_\_\_.**

"I am coming soon. Hold on to what you have, so that no one will take away your crown." (Revelation 3:11)

*krateo* =



**Are we willing to walk through the door?**

**Are we willing to be faithful to the One who is always faithful?**

**Are we willing to be faithful in introducing Him to others?**

### JESUS' PROMISE

**The Pillars** =

**The Name of God** =

**The Name of God's City** =

**The New Name Identified with Christ** =



**Do you have ears to hear or are you too distracted by the noise of the world?**

**As you look at your life, what might be the open doors that Christ is calling you to step through for witness and service?**