

**Christ in the Midst
of His Churches (3)
Rev. 3:7-22**

There is eternal reward for those who follow Jesus

I. His Message to Philadelphia – 3:7-13

1. Jesus speaks to the messenger of this church – 7
As the Holy One – The Son is the Holy God
As the True One – The One who speaks only truth
He is the One who holds the “Key of David”
The Sovereign King whom God anointed to reign
He is the One who opens the door, and no one will shut
He is the One who shuts and no one opens
He is the sovereign ruler who opens and shuts the door
2. He knows the works of this church – 8
In response to this He sets an open door for this church
Reminding them that no one can shut what He opens
He knows the limitations of this church
He knows that they have “little power”
But He knows also that they “have kept His word”
“And have not denied my name”
2. As a promise, He will fight for them – 9
Behold, I will deal with those who oppose you
“Those of the synagogue of Satan”
“Who say they are Jews” but lie, “They are not”
“I will make them come and bow down before your feet”
“And they will learn that I have loved you”
3. As a promise, He will keep them from the hour of trial – 10
“Because you have kept My word about patient endurance”
“I will keep you from the hour of trial, coming on the whole world”
“To try those who dwell on the earth”
(Time of Tribulation)
4. In light of His promise, A challenge from our Lord-11
“I am coming soon” (with suddenness)
“Hold fast what you have, so no one may seize your crown”
5. His promised reward – 12
“The one who conquers I will make him a pillar in the temple of my God”
“Never shall he go out of it” – It is eternal
“I will write on him the name of My God”
“And the city of My God”
“New Jerusalem, which comes down from My God out of heaven” – Rev. 21:2-3
“And My own “New Name” – The name of eternal glory
The One who has brought God’s redemptive plan into reality
6. Listen to what God says to this church – 13
It is for you to hear and to respond

II. His Message to Laodicea – 3:14-22

1. Jesus speaks to the messenger of this church – 14
His words come as the “amen”
The last words that God has given to His church
As the “amen” these words are “faithful” and “true” witness
Jesus delivers this message for God
As the One who was with Him in the beginning
What God purposed to create will surely come to pass
2. But this church is not ready to receive this truth – 15
Jesus evaluates what this church has done
He concludes that they are neither cold or hot
He concludes that they are “lukewarm”
Their commitment to Christ is neither “cold” or “hot”
This level is distasteful - “I will spit you out of My mouth” – 16
3. This church senses no need – 17
“You say, I am rich, I have prospered & need nothing”
“Not realizing that you are wretched, pitiable, poor, blind, & naked”
They are needy but don’t care one way or the other
4. But Jesus still reaches out to meet their need – 18
“I counsel you to buy from Me, gold refined by fire”
“So that you may be rich”
“White garments so that you may clothe yourself”
“That the shame of your nakedness may not be seen”
“Salve to anoint your eyes, so that you may see”
5. Jesus loves you & wants to show you your need – 19
His love seeks to “reprove you, discipline you”
Respond to His love and repent zealously
6. Christ comes, seeking entrance – 20
He is not willing that any should perish
He knocks at the door of your life, seeking entrance
No matter what church, He offers you eternal life
If you hear His knock, you must open the door
He seeks fellowship with you – “I will come in to him”
“And eat with him, and He with me”
7. Join Christ in conquest over sin & death – 21
He has won the victory for us, but He invites us to join in His victory
Note the benefits of this glorious victory
“I will grant him to sit with me on my throne”
“As I have conquered and sat down with My Father on His throne”
8. If you have an ear, Listen to what the Spirit is saying – 22
It is addressed to the churches but it is for all who hear

