

Go Through Open Doors Notes

Revelation 3:7-13

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Main Point: Jesus opens doors for those who obey Him.

Philadelphia

1. The church in Philadelphia, along with the church in Smyrna, are the only churches which did not receive any _____ from Christ.
2. It was a small city located 30 miles from Sardis.
3. It was famous for its _____ products, especially its vineyards.
4. The city was affluent but was afflicted with huge earthquakes.
5. It became known as the “_____ to the East.”
6. It viewed its mission as bringing Greek language and culture to the lands around it.

The Person Who Holds the Key (vs 7).

1. The holy one (Isaiah 40:25).
 - When Jesus called Himself the Holy One, He was making a direct claim to be _____ (Mark 1:24, John 6:69).
2. The true one.
 - This word for “true” means “genuine, _____, and real.”
 - It also means “faithful” and “_____” (Revelation 6:10).
3. Has the key of David.
 - A “key” in Scripture represents _____.
 - The “key of David” links Jesus to the fulfillment of prophecy (Isaiah 22:22).
 - In ancient royal courts, large golden keys were worn on the shoulder of the _____.
 - One of his jobs was to control _____ to the king by opening and closing doors (Isaiah 9:6).
4. Who opens and no one will shut, who shuts and no one opens (Isaiah 22:22).
 - This description stresses the _____ power of Christ as He alone has the power to admit and exclude (Matthew 25:10).

Praise for Their Perseverance (vs. 8)

1. The phrase “Behold, I have set before you” means “to put in front of your _____.”
2. Open doors in the Bible refer to evangelism or to new _____ or mission opportunities (Acts 14:27, 1 Corinthians 16:9, Colossians 4:3).
3. Three qualities
 - _____ – “I know that you have but little power...”
 - _____ – “...and yet you have kept my word...”
 - The word “kept” means “to guard, to watch.”

- _____ – “...and have not denied my name.”

The Privilege of Vindication

1. These Christians had been _____ from the local synagogue and were being slandered and persecuted by some Jews who had no spiritual connection to God (vs. 9).

The Promise of Protection (vs. 10)

1. The word “endurance” refers to “remaining _____” (Revelation 14:12).
2. The phrase “keep you from” literally means “to keep out of” or “_____ from.”
3. I understand this as a reference to the rapture of the church, when believers will be removed before the global “hour of _____,” often identified with the Great Tribulation.
4. Since the purpose of the Tribulation is to judge unbelievers, I believe followers of Jesus will _____ this judgment.
5. The church is mentioned repeatedly in chapter 1-3 but no longer appears on earth during the Tribulation judgments which begin in chapter 6.

The Plea to Hold Fast (vs. 11)

1. The word “soon” means, “_____ , speedily, quickly” (Revelation 22:7, 12, 20)
2. Let’s hold fast so we don’t _____ our rewards.
3. While we can’t lose our salvation, we can lose out on _____.

The Prize for the One Who Conquers (vs. 12).

1. The word for “conquer” is translated as “overcomer” and has the idea of being _____.
2. The idea behind a pillar is to be firmly fixed and _____.
3. Jesus promises to write three names on victorious believers, marking them indelibly with _____, ownership, and destiny.
4. These inscriptions signify belonging, authority, and intimate _____.
5. In ancient times, it was common to carve the names of honored citizens or donors into the pillars of a temple to commemorate their contribution and presence forever.
6. The names:
 - The name of God: Ultimate _____ (Exodus 28:36).
 - It declares that the overcomer is set apart as holy, owned by the _____, and bears His authoritative name as a mark of divine favor and protection.
 - It means you are no longer defined by your past, your failures, or your earthly lineage, but by His _____.
 - The name of the new Jerusalem: Permanent _____ (Revelation 21:2-3, Ezekiel 48:35)
 - Writing this name on the overcomer signifies permanent citizenship in this perfect, unshakable city.
 - God’s people will experience eternal residence where God _____ fully with His people.

- Writing the city's name on a person means they aren't just visitors; they are permanent residents of a kingdom that cannot be moved.
- The new name of Jesus: Eternal _____.
- It refers to a fresh _____ of Jesus Himself, with a name tied to His ultimate glory and victory (revelation 19:12).
- A new aspect of His character or authority revealed fully in _____.
- This "new name" points to transformed identity and eternal intimacy with the Savior.

The Proclamation to Hear (vs. 13).

1. Jesus urges Christians and churches to _____ and heed what the Holy Spirit has been saying.
2. Sometimes God doesn't open the door until we take the step of _____.
3. There is one door that matters more than all the others: the door of _____ (John 10:9).
4. Jesus did not say He will show us the door, but that He is the door to salvation.
5. One door is wide and popular, and many are walking through it, even though it leads to _____.
6. But there is another door, which is much _____, and it leads to deliverance (Matthew 7:13-14).
7. Our sin separates us from God and the penalty for that sin is death. But Jesus came to _____ us.
8. The door of salvation is open, but it must be entered before it _____.