

Revelation 3:1-13
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“And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write, These things says He who is holy, He who is true, “He who has the key of David, He who opens and no one shuts, and shuts and no one opens”: “I know your works. See, I have set before you an open door, and no one can shut it; for you have a little strength, have kept My word, and have not denied My name.” – Revelation 3:7-8

Themes:

Verse 1 – Greetings from Jesus Christ who has the seven Spirits of God and the seven angels
Verses 2-4 – Exhortation, hold onto what remains and rebuke for works not completed/finished
Verses 5-6 – Promise to those who overcome
Verse 7 – Greetings from Jesus Christ who is holy, true, has the keys of David
Verses 8-9 – Commendation, I know your works, strength, dedication to God's Word and My name
Verse 10 – Promise, to be kept from the 'hour of trial' that is coming
Verse 11 – Exhortation, I am coming quickly so hold fast to what you have
Verses 12-13 – Promise to those who overcome to be a 'pillar' in the temple of God

Questions:

- * What does Jesus mean in verse 1 that the church of Sardis has a name that they are alive?
- * How does Jesus describe the true condition of the church of Sardis?
- * Does Jesus have anything good to say about the church of Sardis?
- * What are the steps that Jesus tells this church to do? vv. 2-3
- * What are the promises that Jesus gives the church? vv. 4-5
- * What does it mean that Jesus has the 'key of David'?
- * How does Jesus describe the church of Philadelphia?
- * Does Jesus make mention of anything wrong that this church is doing?
- * What does it mean to be “of the synagogue of Satan”?
- * What promise does Jesus give the church? vv. 10
- * Why is a 'hour of trial' coming to the earth?
- * In verse 12, what promises does Jesus give to the one who overcomes?
- * In light of verse 12, read and meditate on Psalm 84 and ask the Holy Spirit to strengthen any area in your life where you feel weak spiritually.

Additional Study:

Verse 2:

- * Watchful – (*gregoreo*) -- alert, vigilant, continuous readiness, alert to learn
- * Establish – (*sterizo*) -- establish, firm up
- * Perfect – (*pleroo*) -- completed, finished, at an end

Verse 3:

- * Hold fast – (*tereo*) -- guard, keep
- * Repent – (*metaneo*)
- * If you will not watch – (*gregoreo*)

Verse 4:

- * Not defiled – (*moluno*) -- stain, make dirty

Verse 5:

- * I will confess – (*exomologeo*) -- to acknowledge as belonging to one, ownership

Verse 7:

- * True – (*alethinos*) -- real genuine

Verse 9:

- * Worship – (*proskuneo*) -- bow down before

Verse 10:

- * Faithful to persevere – (*hupomone*) -- remain under, endure
- * Keep you from the hour of trial – (*ek*) -- out of