

VI. PHILADELPHIA: OPPORTUNITY & OPPOSITION

Revelation 3:7-13

I. Church: PHILADELPHIA

II. Characteristics of Speaker:

- A. Holy: w/o sin: God!
- B. True: absolutely reliable
- C. Holds the Key of David to open & shut (sov God)

III. Commendations & Encouragement:

- A. You have little strength but you have been faithful (man)
- B. You will be vindicated before your persecutors (sov God)
- C. Hold on to what you have; I am coming soon! (man)

IV. Criticisms:

None!

V. Counsel/Commands:

I have set before you an open door which no one can shut
(sov God)

VI. Consequences:

- A. Since you have endured, I will keep you in the hour of trial
(man & sov God)
- B. Overcomers: I will (sov God)
 - 1. Make to be permanent pillars in My Temple
 - 2. Seal with the threefold seal: Name of
 - a. God
 - b. City of God
 - c. Messiah fully revealed

VII. Call to Heed: (man)

Lessons of the 3 Os:

I. O _____ (v7-8)

2 open doors:

- A. To the Kingdom of Heaven: cf. Eliakim's key: Isa 22:22
Cf. Matt 16:19
- B. To Kingdom service on earth
Acts 14:27

So what doors are open to CPC today?

- 1. Vote on Tuesday! Preserve freedom for Gospel
- 2. FH Festival, Upward B, other contacts w unbelievers
- 3. Local: build new facility for worship & ministry (**Nov 21**)
- 4. Peter Lee church plant
- 5. Presbytery: plant church in D.C.
- 6. Global: China (McCabe), Uganda (Tricarico), Russia+ (Barnes), Japan, Spain, etc.

II. O _____ (v9-10)

- A. From the local Jews (v9)
- B. From the worldwide trial (v10)

Principle: as opportunities increase, so does the opposition
from the Evil One

So what opposition can we expect?

III. O _____ (v11-13)

- A. Jesus is coming soon! He will then
 - 1. Vindicate you before your persecutors (v9)
 - 2. Keep you from the Final Trial (Judgment) (v10)
- B. You will then receive a Crown of Life & Glory) if you hold on to the Gospel
- C. You who are weak He will make a permanent pillar of His Temple!
- D. You will be thrice sealed: with the Name of
 - 1. God
 - 2. City of God (new Jerusalem)
 - 3. Messiah's full revelation

So Hold on to the Gospel – Seize the opportunities for service –
Hope in the Final Outcome!