

EDGEMONT BIBLE CHURCH

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“BEING A RESTORED HUMAN”



“JESUS SPEAKS TO CHURCHES”

REVELATION 3:7-13 Part 7

I. HOLINESS AND TRUTH VIEWS THE CHURCH WITH THE POWER TO OPEN IT OR CLOSE IT ALL

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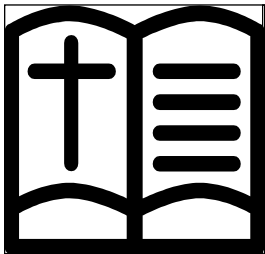
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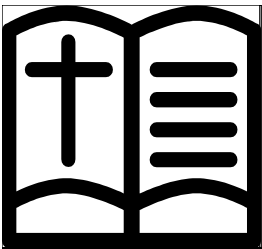
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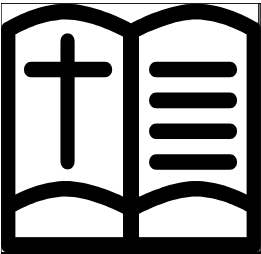
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