

How Would Christ Describe Your Relationship With Him? Part 6

Revelation 3:7-13

Revelation Series

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- I. The church at Philadelphia
 - A. Background
 1. Little is known about this church. It appears it remained in ministry until about the mid 14th century...even after Islam had taken over this part of the world
 2. It was an area frequently rocked by earthquakes
 - B. How Christ revealed Himself to this church
 1. The One who is holy—reminding us that He is **God** and real and **genuine**
 2. The One who is true—reminding us that He is **authentic**, complete
 3. The One who holds the key of David—reminding us that He is the **Messiah** with **power** and **authority**
 4. The One who opens doors no one can shut and shuts doors no one can open—reminding us of His sovereign **rule** (cf. Is. 43:13b & Dan. 4:35b)
 - C. Things [in the church at Philadelphia] which Christ approved
 1. You have kept my **Word** (v.8)

2. You have not **denied** my name (cf. Matt. 26:34)
3. You have **endured patiently** (v.10, cf. Gal. 6:9)

- D. Christ's admonition to them
 1. **NOTHING**
- E. What is their promised reward if they do persevere?
 1. First of all remember Christ said, "I am coming soon. **Hold on** to what you have, so that no one will take your crown" (cf. Col. 1:21-23)
 2. Jesus will **vindicate** them before their opponents (v. 9; cf. I Cor. 4:5a, 2:15a; Rom. 12:17-21)
 3. Deliverance **from** the "hour of trial" that is going to come upon the whole world... (v10b)
 4. I will make you a **pillar** in the Temple of my God (v.12).
Implying we will live with God in heaven in a close, personal, unshakable, permanent, growing relationship

Additional verses that encourage us to "hold on":

Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.
Matthew 11:28

Consider him who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.
Hebrews 12:3

Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.
Galatians 6:9



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