



# Letter to the Church at Philadelphia

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## **We learned from the letter to the church at:**

- **Ephesus — that a church can be a working church, standing for the truth, yet if it doesn't have the motivation of love it is not pleasing to God**
- **Smyrna — that godliness will bring persecution & that a church can be poor but rich.**
- **Pergamos — that we must have truth, stand for the truth and reject those who deny the truth**
- **Thyatira — that the church must remain pure and reject those who compromise purity**
- **Sardis – that a church can have a name yet be dead**



# Philadelphia had an Open door

- **“Door” is used only one time to refer to a physical door; other times it is used in a figurative sense.**
  - **Jesus (Jno. 10:9)**
  - **Evangelism (1 Cor. 16:9; 2 Cor. 2:12)**



## **It Was a Door Of Opportunity In Reaching The Lost**

- **It was a door that no one could close - only Jesus has the Key of David (Isa. 22:22)**



# Philadelphia's Qualities

- **“Little Power” (3:8)**
  - Numbers?; Economic status?; Social status?
  - Whatever they learned to put their faith and confidence in Jesus
    - Jewish opposition would end (3:9)
    - Kept from the hour of trial (3:10)
- **“Kept word” (3:8)**
  - Reject disciples – Christ; reject Christ – God (Lk. 10:16)
- **“Didn't deny His name” (3:8)**
- **“Patience” (3:10)**



# Our “Open Door”

- **To those deep in sin (1 Cor. 6:9-11)**
- **To those who are tired of worship by entertainment (Matt. 15:9)**
- **To those who are confused by man-made doctrines (Gal. 1:6-9)**
- **To those who still believe the Bible (2 Tim. 3:16-17)**



# Blessings

- Pillar
  - Support
  - Permanence
- Name written upon
  - We belong to Him