You've Got Mail!

A Series of Messages Based
On the Letters to the Seven Churches
Of Revelation

The Letter to the Church At Philadelphia: Reveal Christ

Revelation 3:7-13

Revelation 3:7-13 (ESV)

"And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write: 'The words of the holy one, the true one, who has the key of David, who opens and no one will shut, who shuts and no one opens.

Revelation 3:7-13 (ESV)

8 "I know your works. Behold, I have set before you an open door, which no one is able to shut. I know that you have but little power, and yet you have kept my word and have not denied my name.

Revelation 3:7-13 (ESV) 9 Behold, I will make those of the synagogue of Satan who say that they are Jews and are not, but lie—behold, I will make them come and bow down before your feet, and they will learn that I have loved you.

Revelation 3:7-13 (ESV)

10 Because you have kept my word about patient endurance, I will keep you from the hour of trial that is coming on the whole world, to try those who dwell on the earth. 11 I am coming soon. Hold fast what you have, so that no one may seize your crown.

Revelation 3:7-13 (ESV)

12 The one who conquers, I will make him a pillar in the temple of my God. Never shall he go out of it, and I will write on him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, the new Jerusalem, which comes down from my God out of heaven, and my own new name. 13 He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.'

His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.

– Matthew 25:23 (ESV)

Through Christ a Little Strength Goes a Long Way!

Christ Recognizes It

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- Revelation 3:7-8 (ESV)

Through Christ a Little Strength Goes a Long Way!

- Christ Recognizes It
 - 1. Little Strength
 - 2. Kept His Word
 - 3. Proclaimed His Name

"I know that you have but little power, and yet you have kept my word and have not denied my name." Revelation 3:8 (ESV)

- Christ Reassures the Worth of It
 - 1. With an Open Door

"I know your works. Behold, I have set before you an open door, which no one is able to shut..." – Revelation 3:8 (ESV)

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- Christ Reassures the Worth of It
 - 2. With Promised Future
 - a. Attackers Will Know the Truth

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- Christ Reassures the Worth of It
 - 2. With a Promised Future
 - a. Attackers Will Know the Truth
 - b. You Will Kept From the Great Tribulation

Through Christ a Little Strength Goes a Long Way!

Because you have kept my word about patient endurance, I will keep you from the hour of trial that is coming on the whole world, to try those who dwell on the earth. 11 I am coming soon.

Revelation 3:10-11 (ESV)

Through Christ a Little Strength Goes a Long Way!

Christ Rewards It

The one who conquers, I will make him a pillar in the temple of my God. Never shall he go out of it, and I will write on him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, the new Jerusalem, which comes down from my God out of heaven, and my own new name.

Revelation 3:12 (NIV)

What Should We Do?

1. Recognize Christ Has the Power to Do What He says.

"And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write: 'The words of the holy one, the true one, who has the key of David, who opens and no one will shut, who shuts and no one opens. Revelation 3:7 (ESV)

Through Christ a Little Strength Goes a Long Way!

What Should We Do?

- 1. Recognize Christ Has the Power to Do What He says.
- 2. Remain Faithful
- 3. Proclaim His Name
- 4. Pray for Opportunity (an Open Door)

Through Christ a Little Strength Goes a Long Way! What Should We Do?

And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains.

- Colossians 4:3 (NIV)

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But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

- 2 Corinthians 12:9-11 (ESV)

Through Christ
a Little Strength Goes a Long Way!

10 For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then

I am strong.

- 2 Corinthians 12:9-11 (ESV)