

## “Revelation #8”

### Revelations 3: 7 - 13 (Philadelphia: The Faithful Church)

#### Review: Sardis

- **Strengths:** Faithfulness, but only a few.
- **Fault or Rebuke:** They were dead, many involved in idolatry, hence their garments were dirty... this would cause the church as a whole to be spiritually dead!
- **The promise:** Those that remain faithful will walk with Jesus, and their names will remain in the book of life.
- If you adhere to the doctrine of the timeline of the Christian church throughout its lifespan and history. (**Sardis: covers the time from approximately AD1798 – AD1845**)
- Should be noted that the last three churches cross and intersect until the end.

#### Text V7 Read.

*“He who is holy, He who is true, He who has the key of David... who opens, and no one shuts, and no one opens.”*

- He who is holy... Only God is holy. (Main attribute) Rev. 4:8
- He is true... Faithful.

1 John 5: 20 - 21 *“We know that the Son of God has come and has given us an understanding, that we may know Him who is true; and we are in Him who is true, in His Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God and eternal life... little children, keep yourselves from idols, Amen.”*

- He who has the key of David... (Jesus descended from the house of David)
- This portion of verse 1 is a direct quote from Isaiah 22:22. (Scripture interpreting Scripture)

Isaiah 22:22 *“The key of the house of David I will lay on His shoulders; so, He shall open, and no one shall shut; and He shall shut, and no one shall open.”*

Jeremiah 23: 5 – 6 *“Behold the days are coming, says the Lord, That I will raise to David a branch of righteousness; A King shall reign and prosper; and execute judgement and righteousness in the earth. In His days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell safely; now this is His name by which He will be called; THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.”*

### Text V8... Read.

- I know your works... this a recurring theme to the churches.
- I have opened a door for you that no one can shut... **WHY!**
- **You have a little strength!**

**1 Corinthians 2: 2 – 3** *“I determined not to know anything among you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified. I was with you in weakness, in fear, and in much trembling.”*

- When we are weak, He is strong...

### Text V9 – 11 Read

- You have kept my command to persevere... (Rev. 14: 12 – 13)

### James 5: 7 – 11 NIV.

*“Be patient, then, brothers and sisters, until the Lord’s coming. See how the farmer waits for the land to yield its valuable crop, patiently waiting for the autumn and spring rains. You too, be patient and stand firm, because the Lords coming is near. Don’t grumble against one another, brothers, and sisters, or you will be judged. The judge is standing at the door! Brothers and sisters, as an example of patience in the face of suffering, take those the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. **As you know, we count as blessed those who have persevered and have seen what the Lord finally brought about.** The Lord is full of compassion and mercy.”*

### Text V12 – 13 Read.

- He who has an ear... listen to Gods promise!
- New Jerusalem... let’s take a peek!

### Revelation 21: 1 – 5 Read

- **“These words are faithful and true.”**