

**CrossRoads Community Church**  
**Sermon Summary Sheet, Week of July 24, 2022**  
**“THE LETTERS TO THE SEVEN CHURCHES...A Study of the Book of Revelation”**  
**Part 6: “Philadelphia – The Persevering Church,” Revelation 3: 7-13**

**INTRODUCTION:** *In Revelation chapter 2 and 3, the Lord Jesus Christ gives special messages to the seven churches in Asia Minor. But He intended for all the churches to read these messages and benefit from them. We're to benefit from them as well, as we examine our own hearts and apply these shared truths to ourselves. Today we look at the Church of Philadelphia - the Persevering Church.*

**FORMAT OF THE SEVEN LETTERS**

**JESUS' QUALIFICATIONS**  
**JESUS' COMMENDATIONS**  
**JESUS' CRITIQUE**

**APPROACH TO THE SEVEN LETTERS**

**LITERAL** Specific, Historical Truths  
**UNIVERSAL** General, Timeless Truths  
**PROPHETIC** Symbolic, Eschatological Truths

**1. CHRIST AS OVERSEER**

*“These things says He who is holy, He who is true, 'He who has the key of David, He who opens and no one shuts, and shuts and no one opens.’”* Revelation 3:7

- *Holy - Dedicated to God, John 6: 68-69*
- *True - Keeps His Promises, Psalm 146: 5-6*
- *In Control – Has the Key of David, Is. 22:22-23, Matt. 18:18*

**2. CHRISTIAN OPPORTUNITIES**

*“I know your works. See, I have set before you an open door, and no one can shut it; for you have a little strength, have kept My word, and have not denied My name.”* Revelation 3:8

- *Sharing / Witnessing - 1 Corinthians 16:9*
- *Salvation / Believing - Matthew 25: 10*
- *Sanctification / Securing - 2 Thessalonians 3:5*
- *The Modern Missionary Age, 1793 - 1900 A.D. A man by the name of William Carey was so burdened in 1793 for the lost in India that he became one of the first modern missionaries. Men like Jonathan Edwards began what's known as the Great Awakening in North America. Other missionaries went to Central and South America, Australia, and Asia. In the span of a few hundred years the church spread faster than any other time since the first century.*
- *Today's Church: “Perseverance Today”*
  - *Seeing Opportunities*
  - *Overcoming Obstacles*
  - *Holding to God's Promises: Taking care of Enemies, Keeping from Tribulation, Honoring us*

**3. THE CALL TO OVERCOME**

*Behold, I am coming quickly! Hold fast what you have, that no one may take your crown. He who overcomes, I will make him a pillar in the temple of My God, and he shall go out no more.* Revelation 3:11-12a

- *Rewards (Assured Place) - 2 John 8*
- *Relationship (Assured Presence, Possession) - 1 Peter 2: 4-5*

**CONCLUSION**

*The letter to the Church at Philadelphia shows us again that brotherly love is an important mark of the Christian. But besides loving God and one another, we must also love a lost world and seek to share the Gospel with those who don't believe. Philadelphia had a vision to reach a lost world, even though small and with little strength. If God opens the door, we must work; if He shuts the door, we must wait. Above all, we're to see the opportunities and remain faithful to Him.*