

## The Seven Churches of the Revelation Philadelphia

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**Series Thread:** “The revelation of Jesus” unravels the knots in my mind and heart.

**Message Thread:** Jesus wants to commend you...

**“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. ‘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. 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. 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. I am coming soon. Hold fast what you have, so that no one may seize your crown. 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. He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.’” Revelation 3:7-13 ESV**

- “Conquer”
  - *“despite all these things, overwhelming victory is ours through Christ, who loved us. And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God’s love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow – not even the powers of hell can separate us from God’s love. No power in the sky above or in the earth below – indeed, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord.”*  
- Romans 8:37-39 NLT

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- These are the words Jesus wants to bring to ALL the churches...these are the people who received it...what do we know about them?

- **Parable of the soils...** *“The seed that fell on the footpath represents those who hear the message about the Kingdom and don’t understand it. Then the evil one comes and snatches away the seed that was planted in their hearts. The seed on the rocky soil represents those who hear the message and immediately receive it with joy. But since they don’t have deep roots, they don’t last long. They fall away as soon as they have problems or are persecuted for believing God’s word. The seed that fell among the thorns represents those who hear God’s word, but all too quickly the message is crowded out by the worries of this life and the lure of wealth, so no fruit is produced. The seed that fell on good soil represents those who truly hear and understand God’s word and produce a harvest of thirty, sixty, or even a hundred times as much as had been planted!” - Matthew 13:19-23 NLT*

- Gave their lives to follow Jesus’ heart, mind, soul, and strength.
- Willing to stay in the hard conversations with each other over the years.
- Kept their hearts and minds clean.
- Stepped into whatever opportunities presented themselves.
- Walked with Jesus daily.
- Kept themselves encouraged.

### Challenge:

- What have the words of Jesus exposed?
- What part of the healing are you being challenged by?
- How does the revelation of Jesus challenge your faith for the season you're in?
- How does the revelation of Jesus enable you to remain faithful?



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