

THE SEVEN CHURCHES | FAITHFUL
REVELATION 3:7-13

One word can describe the relationship between the Lord Jesus and the church in Philadelphia: Faithful. The Lord was faithful and true to the church as He always is, and the church was faithful to Him. The church in Philadelphia was in a city that was loyal to the Roman Emperor and a gateway to the East. The city was rocked by an earthquake in 17a.d., just as Sardis was, and it experience significant aftershocks. Most people left the city out of fear. Just as COVID or other trauma in our days have left psychological scars on people, the earthquake did the same. The city also acted as a 'door' for Hellenist culture to go to Asia and Asiatic culture to come into the Greek and Roman Empires. It is to the church in this city that Jesus comforts the faithful by declaring, He is the one who opens and shuts doors. What does the Lord have in store for those who are faithful?

1. The faithful church is under the guard of a sovereign Lord who will _____ them from the _____.

2. The faithful church is under the guard of a sovereign Lord who will give them _____ over their _____.

3. The faithful church is under the guard of a sovereign Lord who give them a significant _____ in His _____ in the New _____.