

THE BOOK OF REVELATION

Letters to the Seven Churches:

1. Deeds matter, but they must be done for _____ alone.
2. **When we suffer** for serving Christ, our hope and strength comes in the knowledge that eternity in heaven, and an unhindered relationship with Jesus is our reward.
3. False teachers are the _____ of God and a cancer within the church. We must not only identify them, but _____ their teachings as well.
4. _____ believers make up the true church. Faithfulness, in these true believers, will be recognized and rewarded by Christ.
5. Ungodly living, political persecution, and even friendly fire from religious groups will _____ stop God from His work, or his church from their mission.

Philadelphia – Revelation 3:7-13

1. Philadelphia was a city much **like all the others**. Pagan gods were worshipped, there were Jews did not believe Jesus to be the Messiah, and persecution was looming.
2. “Little strength” refers to their _____. The Philadelphia church was a small church, who was very _____ in their faith and practice.
3. Jesus is introduced in a new and unique way in verse 7.
 - a. Holy: _____
 - b. True: _____ at the highest standard
 - c. Who hold the key of David: _____
3. Positives:
 - a. You have kept my word
 - b. You have not denied my name
 - c. You have kept my command to _____ patiently

4. Negatives: **NOTHING**
5. Promise:
- _____ will experience spiritual victory over ____ enemies
 - You will not be present for the _____
 - I am coming _____
 - Your salvation is **secure**, your citizenship is **eternal**, your relationship with God is personally **sealed**.
6. Instruction: Hold on to what you have so that no one can take your _____.

Two important things we must not miss:

- Even though they are a small church, the opportunities that God gives them cannot be _____ away from them. (vs 8)
- Keeping God's Word and not denying Jesus name, is key to the _____ of a small church.
 - Keep the scriptures the _____ of all teaching and practice
 - Make Jesus known among the community and _____ his reputation

Encouragement for HBC found in this passage:

- We are a small church, and that does not _____ God from using us.
- If we are faithful to God's Word and Jesus name, _____ will open doors for us too.
- When God opens a door, _____ keeps it open as long as _____ chooses. It's not dependent on our numbers, our finances, or our social positioning.
- Philadelphia was not a perfect church, but because they kept the main thing the main thing, Jesus mentioned _____ of their shortcomings in this letter.
- The key to HBC being a successful church in God's eyes is to be faithful to Christ, faithful to God's Word, and faithful to walk _____ the doors God opens.