

Problem:

Paul's meanest letter was to the Galatian church - they were unfaithful with the gospel

Gal 1:6-9 we are surrounded by false gospels

Gal 3:1-3 we are surrounded by false spirituality

Gal 5:1-4 we are surrounded by false religion

the church in Philadelphia understood this - they remained faithful

Main Idea:

Our lesson from Philadelphia

A faithful church will be recognized

it will be rescued

and it will reign

Implication:

faithful - Rev 2:8-11 two churches

Ephesus overlooked the gospel

Pergamum compromised the gospel

Thyatira corrupted the gospel

Sardis forgot the gospel

Laodicea pimped out the gospel

but Smyrna and Philadelphia were faithful stewards of the gospel

Application:

the church is a pillar and buttress of the truth - that means you are a steward of the gospel, a steward of GRACE - 1 Tim 3:14-15

we are ambassadors making an appeal - 2 Cor 5:18-21

Text:**Our lesson from Philadelphia:**

Rev. 3:7 ¶ "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.

Key of David - Isa 22:1-25 (corrupt secretary of state); (Rev 1:18)

open door - Rev 4:1; Jn 14:6

The archaeologist Sir William Ramsay says of Philadelphia that it was 'the centre for the diffusion of Greek language and Greek letters in a peaceful land and by peaceful means'.

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Rev. 3:8 ¶ "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.

Rev. 3:9 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**.

open door - Matt 16:17-19 (Acts 10) Acts 14:27; 15:6-11

kept my Word - 1 Cor 16:9 (among adversaries); Col 1:24-28 (stewards)

not denied my name - (John 14:6)

Synagogue of Satan - Col 2:6-23

bow before you - Isa 60:10-14 (switched)
 Rom 11:13-14 (jealous some of them saved); 25-26 (partial hardening)

it will be rescued

Rev. 3:10 Because you have kept my word about patient endurance, **I will keep you (ek - out of) from the hour of trial that is coming on the whole world**, to try those who dwell on the earth.

keep you out from - Jn 17:15 (from = ek = out of); col 1:13

those who dwell on the earth -

contrast unbelieving Israel

- amos 5:16-20; (Zech 12:10-13:2; 14:1-9)

with the church

I go to prepare a place for you - Jn 14:1-3

I will bring you to me - 1 Thess 4:9-18 (titus 2:11-14 -blessed hope)

not destined for wrath - 1 Thess 5:1-11

the church is one with Christ - Jn 17:20-23

to persecute it is to persecute Him Acts 22:6-8

and it will reign

Rev. 3:11 I am coming soon. Hold fast what you have, so that no one may seize your crown.

Rev. 3:12 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**.

Rev. 3:13 He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.'

(pillar) **we are made unshakable pillars in the Temple that is God** - Rev 21:22-23

(city) **we are named a heavenly city set apart as a bride of Christ** - Rev 21:1-2, 9; Rev 19:6-8

(my own) **we are named a ruling body united with the king** - Rev 19:11-14 (same name); 5:8-10; 20:4, 6; 22:5

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