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EYE WITNESSES OF THE END TIMES—10f
“Jesus as LEADER in the midst of the churches”

Revelation 2:2-3:22

Introduction. _____

**VI. SIXTHLY, SEE THE LEADER AS HE ENTERS
THE CHURCH OF PHILADELPHIA—THE
_____ CHURCH (Revelation 3:7-13).**

Note some things about the city of Philadelphia:

1. First, note its background _____.
2. Secondly, notice its location _____.
3. Thirdly, consider its condition _____.

In this letter there are three symbols (1) “. . . *the door* . . .” (3:7a), (2) “. . . *the key* . . .” (3:7d) and “. . . *a pillar* . . .” Using these three symbols, let us examine the relationship between this church and these symbols:

A. First, consider the opportunity that lay _____ them (3:7-10). “. . . *I have set before thee an open door* . . .”

1. First, note how open doors are _____ by the Lord (3:8b) “. . . *I have set before thee* . . .”

2.

2. Secondly, notice how open doors are _____ by the church (3:8b).

3. Thirdly, note how open doors are _____ by the world (3:9).

B. Secondly, notice the authority that lay _____ them (3:7b) “. . . *These things saith he that is holy, he that is true, he that hath the key of David openeth, and no man shutteth and shutteth, and no man openeth.*”

How is He identified here?

1. First, He is identified as _____ (3:7b) “. . . *he that is holy* . . .”

2. Secondly, He is identified as _____ (3:7b) “. . . *he that is true* . . .”

3. Thirdly, He is identified as _____ (3:7c) “. . . *he hath the key of David, he that openeth, and no man shutteth; and shutteth that no man openeth* . . .”

a. First, Christ has the authority to _____ sin (Mark 2:5).

b. Secondly, Christ has the authority to _____ the saints (3:7d) “. . . *the key of David* . . .”

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- c. Thirdly, Christ has the authority to _____ service (3:7c) “... *he that openeth, and no man shutteth . . .*”

C. Thirdly, note the security that lay _____ them (3:11-13), “*Behold I come quickly . . .*”

Look at the promises to the “*overcomer*:”

1. First, the Lord will _____ the overcomer (3:12). “*Him that overcometh I will make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out . . .*”
2. Secondly, the Lord will _____ the overcomer (3:12b). “... *and I will write upon him the name of my God, which is new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God: and I will write upon him a new name.*”

CONCLUSION: Let’s briefly look at some truths learned from this church:

1. First, do not be surprised by the _____ of one church.
2. Secondly, do not ever underestimate the _____ of one testimony.