

# “What Does Jesus Want to Say to Our Church? Philadelphia: The Faithful Church”

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Whitneyville Bible Church, Alto, MI

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*Revelation 3:7-13*

**BIG IDEA:** We must faithfully focus on Jesus’ sovereign opportunities.

*“Look, I have placed before you an open door that no one can close.”  
Revelation 3:8a (CSB)*

## **Commission (v7a)**

## **Character (v7b)**

- Jesus is **perfect**!
- Jesus is **trustworthy**!
- Jesus is (still) **boss**!

## **Commendation (v8-10)**

- Jesus delights in **obedience**.
- Jesus delights in **faithfulness**.
- Jesus delights in **loyalty**.
- Jesus delights in **endurance**.

## **Condemnation**

- **None**!

## **Command (v11)**

- Keep **up** the **good work**!

## **Challenge (v12)**

- Conquering overcomers have receive **perpetual honor**.
- Conquering overcomers receive a **good name**.

## **Call (v13)**

- A **letter** to **one church**.
- A **message** for **all**.

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**Read:** Re-read Revelation 3:7-13

**Think:** Think about Jesus’ message to this church, and then ask yourself the following questions: When have you been “locked out”? What does the “key of David open (v7-8, see Isaiah 22:20-24; Matthew 16:19; 1 Corinthians 16:9; Revelation 3:20, 4:1)? How is this church able to persevere? Describe their enemies. How does their reward (v 12) fit their faithfulness?

**Do:** Identify the open doors Jesus Christ has placed before you and our church. How have you taken advantage of the pathways He’s made available to you in the past? How can you do so right now and in the future? What are some closed doors He’s placed in your career, family, or ministry?