

Today's Theme

“Philly Following Well”

Series Title

“The Future - From Jesus”

Part 9 October 23, 2022

Church 1 Ephesus:

We must *know* of Gods love - To love Him back!

Church 2 Smyrna:

They were *rich* - Because they knew their *future*!

Church 3 Pergamum:

Some stood *strong* - Hidden *manna & assurance*!
Some went the *worlds* way - They listened to *evil*!

Church 4 Thyatira

They were *tolerating* evil - Gave *time to change*!
Stay away from evil - *Hold* on to Me!

Church 5 Sardis

People thought they were *alive* spiritually!
But in reality they were *dead* - Had *work* to do!

1. Jesus takes a *look* at Philadelphia.

Rev 3:7 “To the angel of the church in Philadelphia write

(1) So what *about* Philadelphia?

1. Founded 189 BC.
2. By King Eumenes & *brother* Attalus II.
3. Philly was a *gateway* to The East.
4. Had fertile *soil* & was known for *vineyards*.
5. The earthquake in 17 AD *rocked* them.
6. After that event many lived *outside* city.

(2) Jesus gives this *message*.

Four aspects of who Jesus is

1. He who is *holy*.

Rev 3:7 “These are the words of him who is holy . . .

2. He who is *true*.

Rev 3:7 “. . . and true,

3. He who has the *key of David*.

Rev 3:7 “. . . who holds the key of David

4. He *opens doors that can't be shut*.

Rev 3:7 “. . . What he opens no one can shut, and what he shuts no one can open

2. Jesus lays out some *big wins* for Philly.

Rev 3:8 I know your deeds.

(1) You have *little strength* - Yet *mighty*.

Rev 3:8 . . . I know that you have little strength, . . .

(2) You have *kept my word*.

Rev 3:8 . . . yet you have kept my word . . .

(3) You've not *denied my name*.

Rev 3:8 . . . and have not denied my name

3. Jesus offers them great *promises*.

(1) Three huge *future realities* for them.

1. They would be *fruitful*.

Rev 3:8 . . . I have placed before you an open door that no one can shut. . .

2. They would be *secure*.

Rev 3:9 I will make those who are of the synagogue of Satan, who claim to be Jews though they are not, but are liars—I will make them come and fall down at your feet . . .

3. They would be *vindicated*.

Rev 3:9 . . . and acknowledge that I have loved you.

(2) The *pay off* for hanging in with Jesus.

Rev 3:10 Since you have kept my command to endure patiently, . . .

1. I will *keep you from something*.

Rev 3:10 I will also keep you . . .

2. You will *not experience the tribulation*.

Rev 3:10 . . . the hour of trial that is going to come on the whole world . . .

3. The tribulation will *test the earth*.

Rev 3:10 . . . to test the inhabitants of the earth.

4. Jesus tells them - I am coming *back*.

Rev 3:11 I am coming soon . . .

4. The *advice* Jesus gives them & us.

(1) Protect the *rewards* you've earned.

Rev 3:11 . . . Hold on to what you have, so that no one will take your crown.

(2) Sign up to be an *overcomer*.

Rev 3:2 The one who is victorious

1. We become a *pillar for God*.

Rev 3:12 I will make a pillar in the temple of my God. Never again will they leave it. . .

2. We get the name of *God*.

Rev 3:12 I will write on them the name of my God . .

3. We get the name of the *city of God*.

Rev 3:12 . . . and the name of the city of my God, the new Jerusalem, which is coming down out of heaven from my God; . . .

4. We get His *new name*.

Rev 3:12 and I will also write on them my new name.

Rev 3:13 Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches.