







**Rev 3:7-13** ¶ And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write, ¶ These things says He who is holy, He who is true, He who has the key of David, He who opens and no one shuts, and shuts and no one opens: 8 ¶ Know your works. See, I have set before you an open door, and no one can shut it; for you have a little strength, have kept My word, and have not denied My name. 9 Indeed I will make those of the synagogue of Satan, who say they are Jews and are not, but lie . indeed I will make them come and worship before your feet, and to know that I have loved you. 10 Because you have kept My command to persevere, I also will keep you from the hour of trial which shall come upon the whole world, to test those who dwell on the earth. 11 Behold, I am coming quickly!

Hold fast what you have, that no one may take your crown.  
<sup>12</sup>He who overcomes, I will make him a pillar in the temple of My God, and he shall go out no more. 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 out of heaven from My God. And I will write on him My new name. <sup>13</sup>He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.†q

## 1. Philadelphia was a church with great opportunity

**Rev 3:7-8** He who has the key of David, He who opens and no one shuts, and shuts and no one opens: †<sup>8</sup>Know your works. See, I have set before you an open door, and no one can shut it;



%God controls all situations, frustrates the moves of evil men, and reveals Himself to His own as the One who opens and no man shuts; shuts and no man opens.+ John Phillips



**Col 4:2-4** Continue earnestly in prayer, being vigilant in it with thanksgiving; <sup>3</sup>meanwhile praying also for us, that God would open to us a door for the word, to speak the mystery of Christ, for which I am also in chains, <sup>4</sup>that I may make it manifest, as I ought to speak.

**1 Cor 16:8-9** But I will tarry in Ephesus until Pentecost. <sup>9</sup>For a great and effective door has opened to me, and there are many adversaries.

**Jn 9:4** I must work the works of Him who sent Me while it is day; the night is coming when no one can work.

**Eph 5:15-16** See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, <sup>16</sup>redeeming the time, because the days are evil.

**Heb 3:13** but exhort one another daily, while it is called **%Today,**+ lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.

## 2. Philadelphia was weak but willing

**Rev 3:8** for you have a little strength

**Lk 12:32** **%Do** not fear, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

**2 Cor 12:9-10** And He said to me, **%My** grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness.+Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. <sup>10</sup>Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in needs, in persecutions, in distresses, for Christ's sake. For when I am weak, then I am strong.





### 3. Philadelphia was feeble but faithful

**Rev 3:8** have kept My word, and have not denied My name

**1 Cor 4:2** Moreover it is required in stewards that one be found faithful.



## 4. Philadelphia was ridiculed but rewarded

**Rev 3:9** Indeed I will make those of the synagogue of Satan, who say they are Jews and are not, but lie- indeed I will make them come and worship before your feet, and to know that I have loved you.

**Rom 2:28-29** For he is not a Jew who is one outwardly, nor is circumcision that which is outward in the flesh; <sup>29</sup>but he is a Jew who is one inwardly; and circumcision is that of the heart, in the Spirit, not in the letter; whose praise is not from men but from God.

**Mt 10:22** And you will be hated by all for My name's sake. But he who endures to the end will be saved.

**Heb 12:2-4** looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. <sup>3</sup>For consider Him who endured such hostility from sinners against Himself, lest you become weary and discouraged in your souls. <sup>4</sup>You have not yet resisted to bloodshed, striving against sin.

## “ They were kept from judgment

**Rev 3:10** Because you have kept My command to persevere, I also will keep you from the hour of trial which shall come upon the whole world, to test those who dwell on the earth.

**Daniel 9:24,27** Seventy weeks are determined for your people and for your holy city, to finish the transgression, to make an end of sins, to make reconciliation for iniquity, to bring in everlasting righteousness, to seal up vision and prophecy, and to anoint the Most Holy. ò Then he shall confirm a covenant with many for one week; but in the middle of the week He shall bring an end to sacrifice and offering. ò

**Jer 30:7** Alas! For that day is great, so that none is like it; and it is the time of Jacob's trouble, but he shall be saved out of it.

**Matt 24:21-22** For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be. <sup>22</sup>And unless those days were shortened, no flesh would be saved; but for the elect's sake those days will be shortened.

## “ They were crowned with glory

**Rev 3:11** Behold, I am coming quickly! Hold fast what you have, that no one may take your crown.

**2 Jn 8** Look to yourselves, that we do not lose those things we worked for, but that we may receive a full reward.

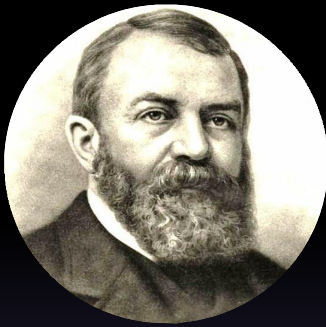
**1 Pet 5:4** and when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that does not fade away.

**2 Tim 4:8** Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing.

## 5. Crowns available to believers:

- “ **Crown of righteousness:** 2 Tim 4:8
- “ **Crown of rejoicing:** 1 Thess 2:19
- “ **Crown of life:** Rev 2:10
- “ **Crown of incorruption:** 1 Cor 9:25
- “ **Crown of glory:** 1 Pet 5:4





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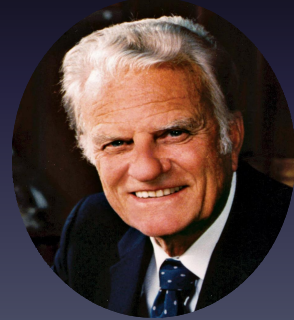
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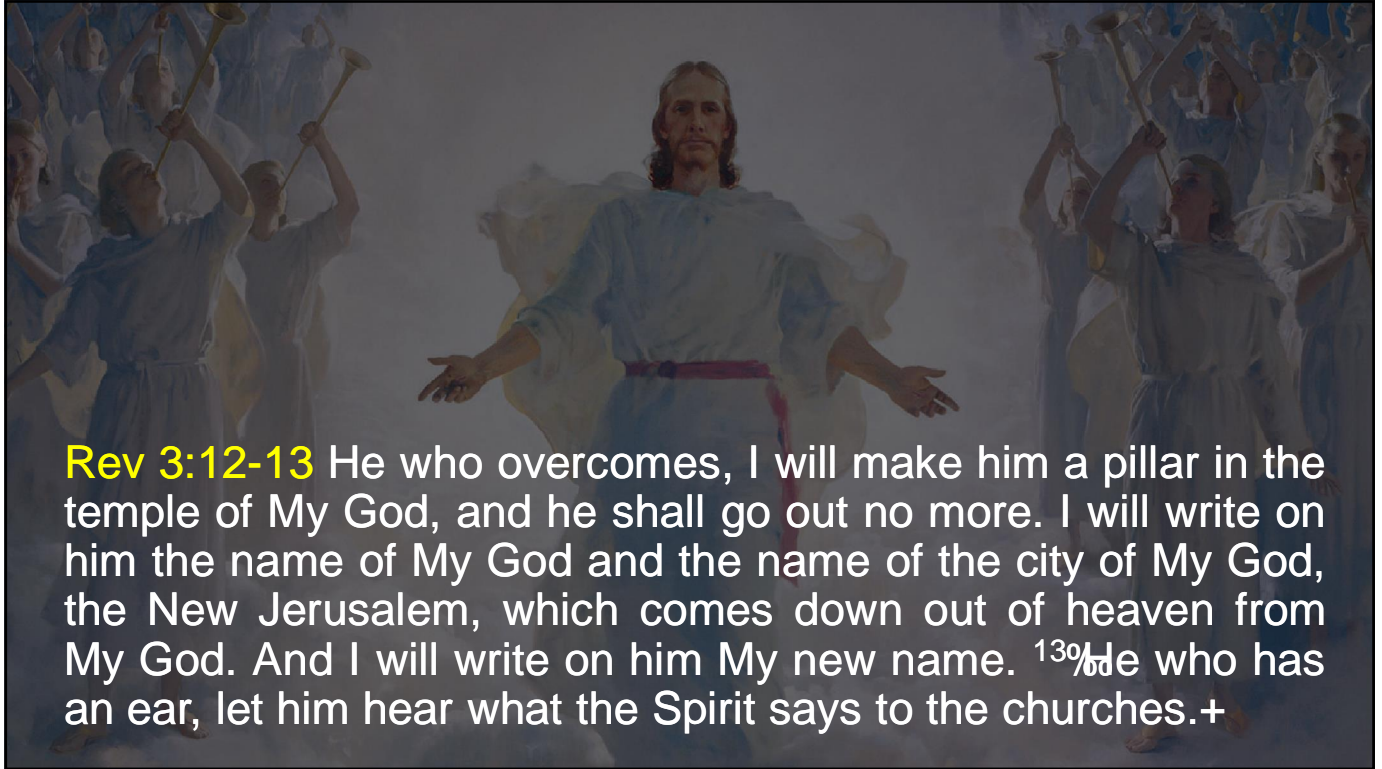


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**Rev 3:12-13** He who overcomes, I will make him a pillar in the temple of My God, and he shall go out no more. I will write on him the name of My God and the name of the city of My God, the New Jerusalem, which comes down out of heaven from My God. And I will write on him My new name. <sup>130</sup>He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.+