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# KEYS
## *for growth & change*
**Part 6**

Each Letter Speaks to Believers and gives us Moments of Insight:

The Letter to Ephesus: **Remember-Repent-Repeat**
The Letter to Smyrna: **Jesus is real, He is here and He knows**
The Letter to Pergamum: **The light of truth helps you recognize danger**
The Letter to Thyatira: **Keep your guard up!**
The Letter to Sardis: **Don't give up! Wake up and Get up!**

And now we come to Philadelphia: What Jesus says to a **GROWING** Church.

### The Place: Philadelphia Then and Now

Ancient Philadelphia was a **GATEWAY** city; a **GROWING** city and a place of **GODLINESS**!

Colonial Philadelphia was also a place of **GROWTH** and change, with many **FIRSTS** for our nation.

### Our Passage: Revelation 3:7-13

*To the angel of the church in Philadelphia write: These are the words of him who is holy and true, who holds the key of David. What he opens no one can shut, and what he shuts no one can open. I know your deeds. See, I have placed before you an open door that no one can shut. I know that you have little strength, yet you have kept my word and have not denied my name. 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 and acknowledge that I have loved you. Since you have kept my command to endure patiently, I will also keep you from the hour of trial that is going to come upon the whole world to test those who live on the earth.*

*I am coming soon. Hold on to what you have, so that no one will take your crown. Him who overcomes I will make a pillar in the temple of my God. Never again will he leave it. I will write on him the name of my God and the name of the city of my God, the new Jerusalem, which is coming down out of heaven from my God; and I will also write on him my new name. He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.*

## The Person of Christ Revealed

Jesus is **HOLY** and **TRUE**

Jesus has the **KEY OF DAVID**

Jesus **OPENS** and **SHUTS** doors

## Jesus' Personal Encouragement

**Moment of Insight: Jesus comforts us so we can step into new opportunities**

Two great principles here:

Principle #1: Jesus has all **AUTHORITY**

Principle # 2: We have total **ACCESS**!

Under **PRESSURE**, we can have limited **PERCEPTIONS**

We need to remember that little is **MUCH**, if **GOD** is with us!

We also need to affirm that Jesus is **ENOUGH** for all our needs!

What we need is **PERSPECTIVE**!

God always sees things more **POSITIVELY** than we do!

## Promises to the Overcomer

We will be **PILLARS** in the house of God and never leave his **PRESENCE**!

We will have a **NEW** **NAME** and God will **CELEBRATE** about us!

To enjoy all of this, we need **CONSISTENT** **PERSISTENCE**

Living with **CONSISTENT** **PERSISTENCE**

Let's **BE** **HUMBLE**

Let's **BE** **HONEST**

Let's **BE** **HOPEFUL**