



A CHURCH ALWAYS OPEN!

revelation 3:7-13



"Unbelief sees the obstacles, but faith sees the opportunities! And since the Lord holds the keys, He's in control of the outcome." (Warren Wiersbe)



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- 2. Experiences the greatness of Jesus
 - 3. Rests in the greatness of Jesus



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A Church Always Open... 1. Promotes the greatness of Jesus (Revelation 3:7-8)



"He who is holy, who is true, who has the key of David, who opens and no one will shut, and who shuts and no one opens."

(Revelation 3:7)



Holy is defined as perfectly pure and altogether separate.



As truth, Jesus is both genuine and authentic; he is not an imitation since there is nothing else like him. That Jesus "has the key of David" implies his sovereign authority.



The One who is altogether perfect, genuinely authentic, and absolutely sovereign.



"...because you have little power..." (Revelation 3:8)



Because they have been faithful to the gospel and true to his name, they would be rewarded with opportunity.



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 - 2. Experiences the greatness of Jesus (Revelation 3:9-10)



2. Experiences the greatness of Jesus

Enemies of the gospel will ultimately bow to the majesty of His great love for us.



"So that at the name of Jesus every knee will bow, of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth."

(Philippians 2:10)



2. Experiences the greatness of Jesus

All of our battles will inevitably result in a final outcome that will reveal His perfect, true, and sovereign plan.



"The Philadelphia church's faithfulness would be rewarded by the salvation of some of the very Jews who were persecuting it." (John MacArthur)



2. Experiences the greatness of Jesus

His protection and deliverance from a great and terrible "testing" that will fall upon the whole world.



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We can all agree that Jesus has promised us that we will be kept from the "hour of testing."



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In addition to the gift of permanent security (pillars), Jesus extends to them the gift of relationship and intimacy (name).



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