

Revelation 2- The 7 Churches

The Church of Philadelphia

- This city is 30 miles southeast of Sardis
- It was built as a center of Greek culture around 200 BC
- It was celebrated for its excellent wine and had a large Jewish population
- Destroyed by an earthquake in AD 17 but quickly rebuilt by Tiberius Caesar
- **The name means “brotherly love” and pictures the “Revival Church”**
- It is characteristic of **the church age from 1700 -1900** but some would contend it dates from 1700 – the Rapture and will run concurrently with the Laodicean Age.
- *This church age is marked by some of the greatest spiritual revivals in history and the advent of the modern missionary movement around the globe as well as a love for the Word of God.*

1) **The Counselor 3:7**

- “hath the keys of David” = a reference to Is. 22:22
 - Eliakim was David’s _____ and is a type of Christ who has the keys to God’s treasury
- This is a regal claim to the throne both today as Sovereign and in the _____ as the seed of David!

2) **The Commendation 3:8** “I know thy works....” (told to each of the 7 churches)

- “an open door” = doors open for the _____ (kept my word, not denied my name)
- 4 Special Doors in Revelation
 - Door of _____ 3:8
 - Door of Human _____ 3:20
 - Door of the _____ 4:1
 - Door of the _____ 19:11
- He is praising a great mission’s emphasis and obedience to Christ

3) **The Condemnation NONE!**

4) The Counsel 3:11

- “that no man take thy crown” = speaks of losing rewards for service to Christ

5) The Challenge 3:9-10, 12-13

- To be given _____ – vs 9
 - Both Jesus and Paul spoke of this group
 - They are unbelievers, those pretending to be believers but are not, counterfeit Christians
 - Time of the _____ – those who substitute works for faith and grace
- To be given _____ – vs 10
 - Speaks of the “great tribulation”
 - Teaches a Pre- Tribulation Rapture
 - “them that dwell on the earth” – implies there is a difference between those on earth and believers during this time
- To be given _____ – vs 12
 - Pillar = _____
 - New name = fellowship and closeness
 - Speaking of _____
 - first mention in all of Scripture of that shining city in the stars, our ultimate and eternal home, the New Jerusalem. See also 21:2