

A Word to the 'Little' Church! (Part 1)

Rev. 3:7-10

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I. Address (v. 7)

A. To

1. Angel (pastor) to deliver the message
2. The church at Philadelphia

B. From

1. Holy one (Rev. 6:9-10)
2. True one
3. Who has the _____ of David (Is. 22:22)
 - a. _____ and no one will shut
 - b. Shuts and no one opens

II. Message (v. 8-11)

A. "I know your _____." (v. 8)

1. An _____ (v.8a) (1 Cor. 16:7-9)

a. Obstacle #1: _____ - _____

i. _____ power.

ii. Keeping _____

and not denying His _____ is more important than size!

b. Obstacle #2: _____ (Rev. 2:9; 3:9)

i. Don't be intimidated/fooled

2. _____ will deal with the "synagogue of Satan" (v. 9)

B. _____ what you have! (v.10-11)

1. You have _____ my word about patient endurance (10a)
 2. Jesus will _____ from the world's coming _____ (10b)
 - a. Keys to understanding this statement:
 - i. Consider the _____ audience.
 - ii. It was limited in scope of _____ ("the *hour* of trial")
 - iii. The Emperor Trajan, subsequently unleashed a policy of persecution against Christians throughout the Roman Empire (the world) that lasted 100 years.
- C. Hold on until Jesus comes (v. 11)

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 - A. "I know your **works**." (v. 8)
 1. An **open door** (v.8a) (1 Cor. 16:7-9)
 - a. Obstacle #1: **self-perception**
 - i. **Little** power.
 - ii. Keeping **Jesus' word** and not denying His **name** is more important than size!
 - b. Obstacle #2: **satanic opposition** (Rev. 2:9; 3:9)
 - i. Don't be intimidated/fooled
 2. **Jesus** will deal with the "synagogue of Satan" (v. 9)
 - B. **Hold fast** what you have! (v.10-11)
 1. You have **kept** my word about patient endurance (10a)
 2. Jesus will **protect** from the world's coming **trial** (10b)
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