

Extra! Extra! Jesus  
Encourages Weak &  
Poor but Faithful  
Christians to  
Remain Faithful to  
Him.



Revelation 3:7-13.

# I. Jesus is the Sovereign Son of God who is in Control v. 7

“And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write: ‘The words of the holy one, the true one, who has the key of David, who opens and no one will shut, who shuts and no one opens.

- A. Jesus reminds us who He is and that He is in control, even when things seem out of control.
- B. The sovereignty of God is one of the most encouraging doctrines
- C. God opens doors of opportunity that enable us to bring Him maximum glory.

## II. Jesus is the One who Gives us the Victory vv. 8-9.

<sup>8</sup> “I know your works. Behold, I have set before you an open door, which no one is able to shut. I know that you have but little power, and yet you have kept my word and have not denied my name. <sup>9</sup> Behold, I will make those of the synagogue of Satan who say that they are Jews and are not, but lie—behold, I will make them come and bow down before your feet, and they will learn that I have loved you.

- There is great encouragement in knowing that we are more than conquerors through Christ Jesus who loves us (Romans 8:31-39).

### III. Jesus Promises to Spare us from His Wrath vv. 10-11.

<sup>10</sup> Because you have kept my word about patient endurance, I will keep you from the hour of trial that is coming on the whole world, to try those who dwell on the earth. <sup>11</sup> I am coming soon. Hold fast what you have, so that no one may seize your crown.

A. Jesus promised to keep His People from the wrath of the Great Tribulation (see Matthew 24:15-41).

B. Because we are saved by grace through faith in Jesus we have peace with God (Rom. 5:1; Ephesians 2:8-9). And we are not appointed to wrath (1 Thessalonians 5:9).

## IV. Jesus Promises to Reward the Faithful vv. 12-13.

<sup>12</sup> The one who conquers, I will make him a pillar in the temple of my God. Never shall he go out of it, and 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 from my God out of heaven, and my own new name. <sup>13</sup> He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.'

A. The faithful are promised that they will dwell with God forever.

B. The judgment that Jesus warned us about and the rewards that He promises to the faithful encourage us to remain faithful when times are tough.