

"And to the angel (messenger/bishop/pastor) of the Church in Philadelphia write; 'These things saith He that is Holy, He that is True, He that hath the Key of David, He that openeth, and no man shutteth; and shutteth, and no man openeth; I know thy works: behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it: for thou hast a little strength, and hast kept My Word, and hast not denied My Name.'" Revelation 3:7-8 KJV



Jesus reveals the power of His person in His Words to the Church at Philadelphia. First, His Holiness is declared to assure His Church that He is always True. He declares His infinite power to accomplish His own will in the face of any hostility. The King we serve wants us to know that He still controls every nuance of time and space. You may think He isn't in control, but, by controlling every consequence, He controls any scenario you may imagine. His Word is final and the consequences of each choice are predetermined by the Word of the Sovereign of sinners! Those who hold faith fast and proudly proclaim their Heavenly citizenship will be handsomely rewarded. The great I AM is keenly aware of our plight and will never leave us nor forsake us. We need only to make a distinct doctrinal stand in this day of compromise and never compromise Truth for any reason! Many died at the fiery stake for simply refusing to take mass. (read "Foxe's Book of Martyrs") Much evil is done in the name of God and those that take His name in vain will surely pay. *"My help cometh from the LORD, which made heaven and earth. He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: He that keepeth thee will not slumber."* He who does not sleep nor slumber is not deterred from passing Judgment and Justice even by death. He has the power to bring even Death and Hell before His Throne to be sentenced. *"And I saw a Great White Throne, and Him that sat on it, from whose Face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them. And Death and Hell were cast into the Lake of Fire. This is the Second Death. And whosoever was not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the Lake of Fire."* Men who think they've escaped God's Judgment through death will be rudely surprised on the other side! There is a Hell and there is a "Lake of Fire" which will consume Death and Hell for eternity! Death is the point of no return for every man! *It is appointed unto man ONCE to die, and after this THE JUDGMENT!"* Men who do not know God will perish forever! *"And hereby WE DO KNOW THAT WE KNOW [God], if we keep (obey) His Commandments (Word)."* I can know this as surely as I know I'm a child of the KING, because His Word is hidden in my heart and soul and He speaks to me with Truth! *"When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the LORD shall lift up a standard (His Word) against him."* The Holy Spirit of Truth carries Truth's Standard high in my heart, constantly assuring me of my standing with the Almighty! *"For whom the Lord Loveth He chasteneth (conforms), and scourgeth (disciplines) every son whom He receiveth."* Even His rebukes assure me! If God is not correcting you, you are not His Child!

A little strength is all we need,
To withstand ev'ry evil deed,
The KING of Glory pleads our case,
Until we see His blessed face! -CGP

It's an open and shut case when the God of Heaven is your Advocate AND Judge! Run your race patiently and keep the faith. We shall remain unmoveable with Christ at our side. The last chapter has already been written.

"O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord." 1 Corinthians 15:55-58 KJV