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**Message Series:** The 7 Churches of Revelation: Times of Fire”

**Today’s Message:** Philadelphia: The Church That Refused To Quit

Ephesians 3:14-20

**1. Jesus Alone Holds The Keys**

Revelation 3:7

**Three Key Thoughts:**

- 1) Faith that saves is not some vague spiritual sense But: SAVING Faith is an active confidence that what we do not presently see—is nevertheless, still the TRUE Reality.

Hebrews 11:1

- 2) Jesus Christ is the Original, not a copy—BUT—The True, Authentic God Most High, Almighty!

Colossians 2:9, 10

- 3) Jesus holds the Key of all Authority - He opens and shuts: He determines who gets in or shut out.

Revelation 3:20

**Jesus outside**—Knocking at shut door!

Revelation 3:1, 8

**At Philadelphia**— “an open door” - “no one can shut”

1 Corinthians 16:9

2 Corinthians 2:12

Colossian 4:3, 4

Revelation 3:9, 10

Revelation 22:12, 15, 17

Revelation 4:1, 2

**2. Jesus Alone Opens and Shuts The Door**

John 10:7-11

**We Can Only Enter Thru The Door:** When we truly place our faith and trust in Christ.

**The ABC’s of Becoming A Christian**

- 1) **A:** Admit Your Sin

1 John 1:8

- 2) **B:** Believe in Jesus’ Death And Resurrection

John 1:12

Romans 8:1, 2

- 3) **C:** Commit To Follow Christ

Romans 8:8, 9, 14, 16

**3. God’s Promises Never Fail**

Revelation 3:11-13

**Jesus’ Promise:** “This world is not all there is: I have so much more for you.”

Philippians 3:13, 14, 17-21