

Outline - Sunday, September 7, 2014

Sermon Title: THE CHURCH IN PHILADELPHIA: A Letter to Behold

Scripture Reading: Rev 3:7-11

1. Behold, I am the truth: vs 7

- a. The True and Living God—The Triune Jehovah: Isa 10:20; 6:3; 9:23/Rev 6:10
- b. You've got the right God: John 17:3/1 John 5:20 (The Only True God)—covenant-faithfulness!
- c. And your adversaries are liars: Rev 3:9; 2:2/John 8:54-55

2. Behold, I control purposes and destinies: vs 7

- a. "I am God": Rom 11:36/Eph 1:11/Isa 46:10/Prov 16:1-3
- b. "Jesus Christ is the LORD": Phil 2:9-11/Isa 45:23/Mt 28:19
- c. "The Key of DAVIDIC governance in my hand": Isa 9:6; 22:20-25

3. Behold I, have opened a door for you: vs 8

- a. A <u>door</u> of evangelism: Col 4:2-4/Acts 18:9-11
 (Kingdom/Proclamation/Faith) John 10:9/Acts 16:14
- b. Trouble comes with it: 1 Cor 16:9
- c. Success is guaranteed: Isa 55:10-11/John 6:39

4. Behold, with me, all you (get), is a little strength: vs 8

- a. Strength is a gift: Ps 18:32/Acts 1:8/2 Cor 6:7/Eph 3:16
- b. Strength is collective—(You/Church): Ps 29:11/Ecc 4:9-12
- c. Strength to trust, not to boast: Ps 59:9/2 Tim 4:17