

The Obedient Church at Philadelphia
Revelation 3:7-13

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A. The Head of the Church in Philadelphia

1. His life-giving character
Rev. 3:7

2. His authoritative commission to the church
Rev. 3:7b-8a; 2 Cor. 16:9; 2 Cor. 2:12; Col. 4:3

3. His authoritative position over and in the church
Rev. 3:7-8a

B. His commendations to the church at Philadelphia

1. Faithfulness
 - To the Word of the Lord
Rev. 3:8, 10

 - To the Name of the Lord
Rev. 3:8; Rev. 2:13

2. Endurance
Rev. 3:9-10; 1 Peter 5:10

C. His exhortation to the church at Philadelphia

1. Keep obeying the Word
Rev. 3:10; John 14:15, 21; James 1:22

2. Stand fast
Heb. 2:1; 1 Peter 1:13

D. His promises to the church at Philadelphia

1. Of victory
Rev. 3:9; 1 Cor. 15:56-58

2. Of his continual presence
Rev. 3:10-11; Matt. 28:19-20

3. Of being a pillar in the church
Rev. 3:12; Gal. 2:9

4. Of a new name
Rev. 3:12; Rev. 2:17

LESSONS LEARNED FROM THE OBEDIENT CHURCH

1. Praise and thanksgiving for God's favor
2. Be mission-minded looking for God's doors
3. Keep church life simple – His Name and His Word
4. Stay focused on Christ's return