

**DOORS THAT ONLY JESUS CAN OPEN
REVELATION 3:7-13**

Introduction

I. STANDING AT THE THRESHOLD: The Church at Philadelphia

A. Its Assets

1. Its strategic location
2. Its inspiring history
3. Its faithfulness (3:8)

B. Its Liabilities

1. Its pagan environment
2. Its fierce opponents (3:9)
3. Its weakness (3:8)

II. THE KEEPER OF THE KEYS: Jesus Christ

A. The Door of Salvation (3:7)

1. *holy* (cf. Isaiah 40:25; Mark 1:24; John 6:69)
2. *true* (cf. John 14:6)
3. *holder of the keys of David* (cf. John 10:7-10; Romans 10:13)

B. The Doors of Opportunity (3:8)

1. *metaphor of the open door*
• I Corinthians 16:8,9; II Corinthians 2:12;
Colossians 4:3; Acts 14:27
2. *God's role and our role*

III. BEYOND THE DOORS: A Bright Future

A. The Promise of Recognition (3:9)

B. The Promise of Rescue (3:10)

- Isaiah 43:2; John 17:15; I Corinthians 10:13

C. The Promise of Rest (3:12)

**DAILY BIBLE READINGS
AND PRAYER REMINDERS
SEPTEMBER 15-21**

Follow-throughs

What do each of these passages say about how God opens doors, including doors of salvation and doors of opportunity to share the good news of Jesus? Ask the Lord each day this week for open doors to the hearts of the people around you. Pray also for our missionaries, that the Lord will open a door for their effective witness.

MONDAY **Matthew 7:7-11**

TUESDAY **Luke 24:13-49**

WEDNESDAY **Acts 13:44-52; 14:26-28; Acts 16:13-15**

THURSDAY **Romans 1:8-10; II Corinthians 2:12-14**

FRIDAY **I Corinthians 16:5-9; Colossians 4:2-6**

Warm-ups

SATURDAY **Revelation 3:14-18**

How did the believers at Laodicea see themselves? How did Jesus see them? What would be some signs that a believer is “cold” or “hot?” What spiritual “temperature” would Jesus describe you to be?

SUNDAY **Revelation 3:19-22**

In what ways can a rebuke or an act of discipline be an indication of love? Can you think of times when you have experienced the Lord's love in that way? Are there any ways in which Jesus has been knocking on the door of your heart, asking you to give him access to areas where you have blocked him out?