

Sunday Session 1 Bible Study – July 27, 2014

"A Faithful Church: Philadelphia" – (Revelation 3:7)

Read [Revelation 3:7-11](#)

Note Paul's 2nd and 3rd missionary journeys:



Note Revelation 3:7 – “And to the angel of the in Philadelphia Church write: These things says the Holy One, the True One, the One having the key of David, the one opening and no one shall open”

Church of Philadelphia

Philadelphia was about 28 miles southeast of Sardis in Lydia. It existed in John's day – 96 AD. The Church there had a long and famous history in spite of the earthquakes and many other problems; after 96 AD the Church existed for many years, longer than most churches.

Look at the Churches of Asia Minor

Words for sanctification: *Hagios*, *Hagiotes*, *Hagiosune*, *Hagiasmos*, and *Hagiazo*

Three Phases of Sanctification

Sanctification – To be set apart for God's special purpose

Phase One: Positional Sanctification – occurs at the moment of salvation

Phase Two: Experiential Sanctification – occurs as a spiritual process during the Christian's life on this earth.

Phase Three: Ultimate Sanctification – occurs in eternity when we leave this life, when we are given eternal rewards and blessings.

THE KEY OF DAVID

1. One of the strongest, soundest churches of the Ancient world was the church of Philadelphia. One of the most doctrinal churches.
2. Jesus is described as the HOLY ONE, the TRUE ONE, the ONE having the KEY OF DAVID.
3. He has and is holding the key – and uses the key.
4. The Word key is Kleis (kleis) noun in the accusative case.
 - 1) David was a great man
 - 2) David was a man after God's own heart
 - 3) David sinned – but was not EVIL.
 - 4) David was a Grace Abounding Believer
 - 5) David did not earn or deserve these blessings.
 - 6) The Key of David – is a synonym for the Grace Abounding Life – SFRIS – Echo life.
 - 7) Jesus Christ holds that key! The same person holds the KEY today and is waiting to pour out EZ blessings to His own. Sadly, so many do not have enough together to see their need of staying with Truth on a daily basis.

Look again at the Churches of Asia Minor:

1. Ephesus – fight against heresy, hated evil, great hold on sound doctrines.
2. Thyatira – exhibited great love, yet condemned for tolerance (of evil).
3. Pergamos – all mixed up with iniquity.
4. Smyrna – Spiritually alive – physically martyred
5. Sardis – Physically alive – Spiritually dead
6. Laodicea – said they were rich – God saw them as lukewarm – nauseating which caused Him to regurgitate – vomit
7. Then the great Church of Philadelphia with no words of warning or condemnation – no condemnation – just commendation! Who made this commendation? The Lord Jesus Christ!

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