

**Lesson 7**

“The Key to Stability”

*Revelation 3:7-13*

The Culture of the Church- Philadelphia (3:7a)

* Culturally, they were unstable.
* Geographically, they were useful.
* Economically, they were shaken.
* Architecturally, they were damaged.
* Politically, they were Hellenized.
* Religiously, they were evangelistic.
* Morally, they were aggressive.

The Character of Christ (Rev. 3:7b)

* Jesus is holy and trustworthy. ~ *He that is holy, he that is true*
* Jesus alone unlocks the kingdom.~ *He that hath the key of David*
* Jesus gives and restricts access to the kingdom.~ *He that openeth, and no man shutteth; and shutteth, and no man openeth*

The Compliments for the Church (3:8)

* They had a God-given opportunity. ~ *I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it:*
  + This was an evangelistic opportunity.
  + This was an eternal opportunity.
* They were a modest church. *~ for thou hast a little strength*
* They were a faithful church. *~ and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name*
  + They clung to God’s Word.
  + They championed Jesus’ name.

The Criticisms of the Church

The Consequences for the Church (3:9-10)

* Their enemies will be dealt with. *~ I will make…*
  + God will humble their persecutors.
    - Their persecutors are religiously motivated. *~ the synagogue of Satan*
    - Their persecutors will forcibly come. *~ I will make them come*
    - Their persecutors will humiliatingly bow. *~ and worship before thy feet*
  + God will teach their persecutors. *~ And to know that I have loved thee.*
* The church will be protected. *~ I will also keep thee*
  + From the time of tribulation. *~ from the hour of temptation*
  + From the worldwide testing. *~ which shall come upon all the world, to try them*

The Corrections for the Church (3:11)

* Hold fast to what you have. *~ hold that fast which thou hast*
* Don’t get disqualified. *~ that no man take thy crown*

The Conquering for the Church (3:12)

* Overcomers will have a secure position. *~ I will make a pillar in the temple of my God*
* Overcomers will receive special inscriptions. *~ I will write upon him* 
  + They belong to God. *~ the name of my God*
  + They are citizens of heaven. *~ the name of the city of my God*
  + They have a special relationship. *~ I will write upon him my new name*

The Call to the Churches (3:13)

*He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.*

**Prayer**

**Scripture**: I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 3:14

College Student of the Night: Karissa West

* Freshman @ PCC

Single Focus/Cross Impact Requests:

* Cross Impact IUPUI, Purdue, and UIndy
* Single Focus
  + Growth in community
* Sunday Soul-Winning Efforts

Specific Requests:

* Jack Elms, Kendall Elms, Jesiah Achenbach in military training/service
* Joseph LaPointe’s back and spirit
* Trevor’s need for community at Indiana State
* Jessica’s Unsaved friend in Mormonism
* Zirkles as Ronda goes through cancer treatments
* Xavion’s court situation
* Sarah’s family’s salvation

**Announcements:**

* Sunday Night, October 22- SNF- 2024 Activity Brainstorming Night
* Adopt-a-College-Student

**Order of Service for tonight:**

**Service Theme**: Our Commitment to the Great Commission

* **Opening Game**:  Candy Craze
* **Announcements**:
* **Opener**: Andy
* **Songs**:
  + I Am Not Skilled to Understand- page 61
  + Constrained by Christ – page 141
* **Prayer**:
  + College Student of the Week: Karissa West

**Message**: Pastor Andy