

# What Jesus says to His Church

## Revelation 3:7-13

### I. The Commission 7

Philadelphia was 30 miles southeast of Sardis. It was located on “the burned land” that was rich farmland. It was also a danger. It suffered a massive earthquake in 17AD, causing the people to live in perpetual fear of aftershocks and its instability.

It is not known exactly when the church was founded. In this letter Jesus calls Himself, holy and true, the One Who Holds the Key.

### II. The Commendation 8-10

I know your **works**.....you have a little power.

I know your faithfulness.

I know your loyalty.

I know your endurance.

Jesus made these **pledges**.....

He gives them an open door.

He pledges to them vindication from persecutors.

He pledges to protect them in trials.

### III. The Challenge 11-13

HOLD!

The Focus on Workmanship

The Focus on Ownership

The Focus on Citizenship

The Focus on Relationship

That’s what Jesus said to the church at Philadelphia. What would He say to Emory Church Byhalia?