

SUMMER IN THE SPIRIT



Revelation 3:7-13

***“I am coming soon. Hold on to
what you have, so that no one
will take your crown.”***

Revelation 3:11

God's Word To Many Today Based On Rev. 3:11

**“Don't Give Up. Don't Get Confused.
Jesus is coming to your situation. Stay faithful.”**

Here is what you should do
while you don't know what to do

The SEVEN

Churches of Revelation



Turkey

PERGAMUM ●

● THYATIRA

● SARDIS

● PHILADELPHIA

● LAODICEA

SMYRNA ●

EPHESUS ●

PATMOS ●



Philadelphia

- Popular “Open Door” to the East (Asia/India)
- Famous “Missionary City” to spread Greek culture
- Respected “Little Athens” for all its temples
- Greatest City Honor: name inscribed on a pillar
- *Consistent Earthquakes* - destroyed 17AD & rebuilt

About Philadelphia After 17AD (major earthquake)

“Not even its walls are secure, they are daily shaken and split in some degree. The people pay attention to earth tremors. The town has few inhabitants, the majority live in the countryside and plan their buildings with the earthquakes in mind. It’s surprising that they are so fond of the place when they live in such insecure buildings. It is a place with earthquakes all around.”

- *Strabo, Greek Philosopher & Historian*

“The words of Him who” (v7)

(v7) is “holy”

(v7) is “true”

(v7) “holds the key of David”

(v7) “what He opens no one can shut...”

(v12) eternally (permanently) rewards

“The words of Him [Jesus] who” (v7)

“**holy**” - above all and no one like Him

“**true**” - He is right regardless of other voices/experts

“**holds the key**” - access to all God’s Kingdom riches

“**what He opens**” - all powerful & sovereign on earth

eternally rewards - final judge and rewarder

This is the one who is “Coming soon” (v11)



“I know your deeds” (v8)

- “You have kept My word” (v8)
- “have not denied My Name” (v8)
- “kept My command” (v10)
- “to endure patiently” (v10)

**Do you want to hold on & get the crown [victory]?
No matter what it **looks** like right now, do this!**

- Private obedience when no one is **looking**
- Public devotion no matter who is **looking**
- True submission no matter what it **looks** like
- Patient endurance when it **looks** like it isn't working

What Do You Look Like When No One Is Looking?

“Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like a man who looks at his face in a mirror ²⁴ and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like.”

- James **1:23**

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The Story Of Cliff Young

**Stop
worrying
about who is
looking or
what it looks
like and
focus on The
One who is
looking and
loving you!**

