

Overcoming: Jesus' Challenge to His Church—7 Communities of Revelation **Lesson 6**

Faithfulness in Jesus—Philadelphia—Revelation 3:7-13

"The one who conquers, I will make him a pillar in the temple of my God. Never shall he go out of it, and I will write on him the name of my God..." Revelation 3:12

- I. **Authoritative Affirmation—Revelation 3:7-8**
- II. **Promised Protection—Revelation 3:9-10**
- III. **Eternal Exaltation—Revelation 3:11-13**

Questions for Conversation

1. To the church in Philadelphia, the Lord Jesus described himself as the One who is **holy and true**. (Revelation 3:7) What would that have meant to the people of Philadelphia and Jesus' relationship with them?
 What do those words mean for you, in His plan for you, His promises, and presence with you?
2. What is Jesus' emphasis about Himself in the second half of verse 7?
3. What did Jesus say He knew about the people in Philadelphia? (verse 8) What helps you here with your own hard situations, difficult people, and struggles with "overcoming?"
4. What do you learn about Jesus from His promise to make those who oppressed His people fall down at their feet and acknowledge that He loved them? (verse 9) How does that encourage you about Christians in the world today?
5. Why might Jesus have used the illustration of the faithful Philadelphians becoming "pillars" in God's temple? How is that meaningful to you?
6. Which of the rewards Jesus promised to the church of Philadelphia is most significant to you?
7. What truth about Jesus, His commendations, and His promises to the Philadelphia church will you take for your life?

Next week: March 2—Renewal in Jesus—Laodicea—Revelation 3:14-22