



LOVE SO AMAZING

The Love of Christ Exhibited

Specifically to Each of the Churches in Revelation

2022 THEME

Rev. 3:7 And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write; These things saith he that is holy, he that is true, he that hath the key of David, he that openeth, and no man shutteth; and shutteth, and no man openeth;

8 **I know thy works**: behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it: for **thou hast a little strength, and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name.**

9 Behold, I will make them of the synagogue of Satan, which say they are Jews, and are not, but do lie; behold, I will make them to come and worship before thy feet, and **to know that I have loved thee.**

10 **Because thou hast kept the word of my patience,** I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth.

11 **Behold, I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown.**

12 Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, *which is* new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God: and *I will write upon him* my new name.

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

The Book of Revelation is an unveiling or revealing of the Lord Jesus Christ. In chapters two and three, this book reveals truth about the Lord Jesus that should be a focus of every church – He know a church’s “works.” Regarding the seven churches in these two chapters, note the following:

Revelation 2:2 **I know thy works...**

9 **I know thy works...**

13 **I know thy works...**

19 **I know thy works...**

3:1 **...I know thy works...**

8 **I know thy works...**

15 **I know thy works...**



❖ This morning we will observe the assessment of Christ regarding the church in Philadelphia.

I. THE DECLARATION OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST

“...I know thy works...”

Rev. 3:7 And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write; These things saith he that is holy, he that is true, he that hath the key of David, he that openeth, and no man shutteth; and shutteth, and no man openeth;

8 **I know thy works**: behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it: for **thou hast a little strength, and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name.**

A. The Principle of Identity – the Believers' Works, 3:8

“...I know thy works...”

- ❖ The Lord Jesus Christ makes it clear that He is astutely aware of a church's character:

Original Word: οἶδα

Transliteration: eidó

Definition: be aware, behold, consider, perceive

Usage: **I know**, remember, appreciate.

***eídō* ("seeing that becomes knowing") then is a gateway to grasp spiritual truth (reality) from a physical plane. (*eídō*)**
then is physical seeing (sight) which should be the constant bridge to mental and spiritual seeing (*comprehension*).

[Strong's Greek: 1492. εἶδω \(eidó\) -- be aware, behold, consider, perceive \(biblehub.com\)](http://biblehub.com)

- ❖ The Lord Jesus addressed the church as a singular entity – “thy.”
- ❖ The Lord connects the individual church with its “works.”

Original Word: ἔργον

Transliteration: ergon

Definition: Usage: work, task, employment; a deed, action; that which is wrought or made, a work.

érgon (from *ergō*, "to work, accomplish") – a *work* or *worker* who accomplishes something. *érgon* ("work") is a deed (action) that carries out (completes) an *inner desire* (intension, purpose).

<https://biblehub.com/greek/2041.htm>

B. The Period of Importance – the Believers' Ways, 3:8b

Rev. 3:8b "...behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it: for **thou hast a little strength, and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name.**"

- ❖ The Lord provided an opportunity for the church – "...behold, I have set before thee an open door..."
- ❖ The opportunity is a "can't miss" moment in the Lord's work – "...and no man can shut it..."
- ❖ By God's grace, the church still has "a little strength" with which to honor the Lord Jesus.

Original Word: δύναμις

Transliteration: dunamis

Definition: (miraculous) power, might, strength

Usage: (a) physical power, force, might, ability, efficacy, energy, meaning (b) plur: powerful deeds, deeds showing (physical) power, marvelous works.

dýnamis – **properly, "ability to perform"** (L-N); for the believer, *power* to achieve by applying the Lord's *inherent abilities*. "Power through God's ability" (*dýnamis*) is needed in every scene of life to really grow in sanctification and prepare for heaven (glorification). (*dýnamis*) is a very important term, used 120 times in the NT. <https://biblehub.com/greek/1411.htm>

❖ Song – “Little is much when God is in it.”

Refrain:

Little is much when God is in it!
Labor not for wealth or fame;
There's a crown, and you can win it,
If you go in Jesus' name.

[https://library.timelesstruths.org/music/Little Is Much When God Is in It/](https://library.timelesstruths.org/music/Little_Is_Much_When_God_Is_in_It/)

❖ The key to fruitfulness is to keep God's Word.

Original Word: τηρέω

Transliteration: téreó

Definition: to watch over, to guard; **Usage:** I keep, guard, observe, watch over.

tēréō (from *tēros*, "a guard") – properly, maintain (preserve); (figuratively) *spiritually guard* (watch), *keep intact*.

<https://biblehub.com/greek/5083.htm>

❖ “Keeping” spiritual principles is VERY important to the Lord:

Rev. 1:3 Blessed *is* he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and **keep those things which are written therein:** for the time *is* at hand.

Rev. 2:26 And he that overcometh, and **keepeth my works** unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations:

Rev. 3:3 Remember therefore how thou hast received and heard, and **hold fast**, and repent. If therefore thou shalt not watch, I will come on thee as a thief, and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee. ...

8 I know thy works: behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it: for thou hast a little strength, and hast **kept my word**, and hast not denied my name. ...

10 Because thou hast **kept the word** of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth.

❖ The church in Philadelphia did not deny the Lord Jesus Christ.

Titus 2:12 Teaching us that, **denying ungodliness and worldly lusts**, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world;

II. THE DISCLOSURE OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST, 3:9-10

❖ The Lord Jesus continues His assessment of the situation of the church in Philadelphia.

A. The Reckoning for the Future, 3:9

Revelation 3:9 Behold, I will make them of the synagogue of Satan, which say they are Jews, and are not, but do lie; behold, I will make them to come and worship before thy feet, and **to know that I have loved thee.**

❖ In spite of those who do not deny the Lord, some do, and are phonies:

Titus 1:16 **They profess that they know God; but in works they deny *him*, being abominable, and disobedient,** and unto every good work reprobate.

❖ The Lord will reveal who the phonies are, and reveal His love for the faithful ones by humbling the phonies before them.

B. The Reward for Faithfulness, 3:10

Revelation 3:10 **Because thou hast kept the word of my patience**, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth.

- ❖ The Lord rewards the faithful servants by protecting them from the Tribulation Period.

III. THE DECREE BY THE LORD JESUS CHRIST, 3:11-13

Rev. 3:11 Behold, I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown.

12 Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, *which is* new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God: and *I will write upon him* my new name.

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

A. The Decree for Preparation, 3:11

Rev. 3:11 Behold, I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown.

❖ The Lord is coming soon – don't lose your reward via worldliness and carnality.

2 Jn. 1:8 Look to yourselves, that we lose not those things which we have wrought, but that we receive a full reward.

B. The Decree for Posterity, 3:12-13

Rev. 3:12 Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, *which is new Jerusalem*, which cometh down out of heaven from my God: and *I will write upon him* my new name.

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

Summary

1. The church in Ephesus – doctrinally sound but left their first love.
2. The church in Smyrna – financially poor but spiritually rich.
3. The church in Pergamos – had Satan's seat and allowed the doctrine of both Balaam and Nicolaitans.
4. The church in Thyatira – had charity, service, faith, and patience, but allowed Jezebel to influence others in sin.

5. The church in Sardis – had a few faithful members but phony testimony and imperfect works.

6. The church in Philadelphia – weak but kept the word, and had an open door to serve.

Conclusion

Little Is Much When God Is in It | Kittie L. Suffield

1. In the harvest field now ripened
There's a work for all to do;
Hark! the Master's voice is calling,
To the harvest calling you.

Refrain:

Little is much when God is in it!
Labor not for wealth or fame;
There's a crown, and you can win it,
If you go in Jesus' name.

2. In the mad rush of the broad way,
In the hurry and the strife,
Tell of Jesus' love and mercy,
Give to them the Word of Life.

3. Does the place you're called to labor
Seem so small and little known?
It is great if God is in it,
And He'll not forsake His own.

4. Are you laid aside from service,
Body worn from toil and care?
You can still be in the battle,
In the sacred place of prayer.

5. When the conflict here is ended
And our race on earth is run,
He will say, if we are faithful,
“Welcome home, My child—well done!

[https://library.timelesstruths.org/music/Little Is Much When God Is in It/](https://library.timelesstruths.org/music/Little_Is_Much_When_God_Is_in_It/)