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| **Grant Street Baptist Church** | **Sermon Notes** |
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Title: *“Strong Weakness”*

Scripture: **Revelation 3:7-13**

Message: *7 PARTS TO EACH OF THE 7 CHURCH LETTER’S*

1. Who was the letter written to/about?

A. Church name: **Philadelphia**

B. Period of church history: **1800-1900 AD (100 yr period)**

C. Church meaning: **“brotherly love”**

**-God opened the door for the church to spread the gospel worldwide**

**-Spurgeon, DL Moody, John Wesley, Luther Rice, etc lead in the birth of the Protestant “Evangelical” church**

2. How did John describe Jesus? **Who holds the key of David (the key to access the treasury, Jesus opens the treasures of God) - (vs 7)**

3. “Eyes were like blazing fire” **(vs 8) “know”…sees the inner man, little strength**

4. What was the work of the church? **(vs 8) kept my word, not denied my name**

5. What was Jesus’ response to their work? **(vs 10) keep them from enduring Tribulation**

6. “Obedient Hearing” **(vs 11) “whoever has ears, let them hear”…Hold on to what you have so that no one will take your crown**

7. What is the promise(s) to those who hear with the intent to obey? **(vs 12) Make a pillar in the temple of God, receive a new name of God (a new name for God we have not previously known)**

**Revelation 3:7-13** 7“To the angel of the church in Philadelphia write: These are the words of him who is holy and true, who holds the key of David **(key to access the treasures of God)**. What he opens no one can shut, and what he shuts no one can open. 8I know your deeds. See, I have placed before you an open door **(God opened the door for church’s to be birthed with a focus on the gospel “evangelical”)** that no one can shut. I know that you have little strength **(2 Corinthians 12:10 “That is why, for Christ’s sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.”)**, yet you have kept my word and have not denied my name **(living Holy lives)**. 9I will make those who are of the synagogue of Satan, who claim to be Jews though they are not **(Jesus says true Jews are those that have accepted Him as their Lord and Savior)**, but are liars **(those that deny He is the Messiah)**—I will make them come and fall down at your feet and acknowledge that I have loved you. 10Since you have kept my command to endure patiently, I will also keep you from the hour of trial **(seven years of Tribulation)** that is going to come on the whole world to test the inhabitants of the earth. 11I am coming soon **(not when, but how quickly when it starts)**. Hold on to what you have, so that no one will take your crown **(crown’s received for what we do on earth for God)**. 12The one who is victorious I will make a pillar in the temple of my God **(supporting structure of God’s temple, His plan to further the gospel)**. Never again will they leave it. I will write on them the name of my God **(God’s possession)** and the name of the city of my God, the new Jerusalem **(our citizenship)**, which is coming down out of heaven from my God; and I will also write on them my new name **(a new name for God we have not previously known)**. 13Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches.”

Application:

* Strong Weakness…when we are weak, humble, dependant on God alone, He will make us strong in accomplishing His will for our lives
* The church of Philadelphia means, brotherly love = heart for the lost, desiring their salvation
* Have you developed strong weakness that you have denied yourself so much that life’s no longer about you, but rather being used by God having a heart for the lost desiring their salvation?