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“The Letters Jesus Sent” (6)

“So Jesus again said to them, Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep.” (John 10:7)

Jesus – The Way, The Truth & The Life

Revelation 3:7-8 – (7) “And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write: ‘The words of the holy one, the true one, who has the key of David, who opens and no one will shut, who shuts and no one opens. (8) ‘I know your works. Behold, I have set before you an open door, which no one is able to shut. I know that you have but little power, and yet you have kept my word and have not denied my name.”

Humiliation of Half-Wits

Revelation 3:9 – (9) “Behold, I will make those of the synagogue of Satan who say that they are Jews and are not, but lie—behold, I will make them come and bow down before your feet and they will learn that I have loved you.”

Pay Now/Play Later Paradigm

Revelation 3:10 – (10) “Because you have kept my word about patient endurance, I will keep you from the hour of trial that is coming on the whole world, to try those who dwell on the earth.”

Hold Fast

Revelation 3:11 – (11) “I am coming soon. Hold fast what you have, so that no one may seize your crown.”

Key Point: Avail Yourself of Jesus’ ‘Open Door Policy’

The Tenacious Rewarded

Revelation 3:12-13 – (12) “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, and the name of the city of my God, the new Jerusalem, which comes down from my God out of heaven, and my own new name. (13) He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.”

Enjoy the Open Door – Jesus

“I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture.” (John 10:9)

“Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.” (Matthew 11:28)

“Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.”
(Hebrews 4:16)

“After this I looked, and behold, a door standing open in heaven! And the first voice, which I had heard speaking to me like a trumpet, said, ‘Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this.’”
(Revelation 4:1)

Questions:

What impacted me the most in this message?

Am I drawing near to Jesus? (James 4:4)

Have I allowed other coping mechanisms to replace Jesus as my source?

Do I strive to know Jesus and know this world for what it is?

(ESV used unless otherwise noted)