

THE REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST

Chapters 2-3 – Church History – Addendum 8

PILLARS OF THE FAITH

God promised to give us history in advance through his word (*Isa 42:9; 46:10*). Chapters 2 & 3 of Revelation, though giving us characteristics of churches in 90 AD and today, prophetically reveal church history before it happened (*Rom. 15:4*). In verses 7-13 of chapter 3, we have detailed for us the greatest church period of the past 2,000+ years – the Philadelphian Church period. It was the time of the greatest missionary activity due to its possession of the Key of David – the word of God! As we prepare to send a short-term missions team to Canada, what can we further glean from those who blazed the trail before us?

1. **The Pillar and Ground of the Truth**: The Birth of the Church (*1 Timothy 3:15*)
 - a. Evangelize
 - b. Disciple

2. **The Pillar of Fire**: The Light unto the Path to Philadelphia (*Acts 13-14*)
 - a. Preparation – 13:1-3
 - Minister to the Lord (13:1)
 - _____ & Pray (13:2-3)

 - b. Preaching & Persecution – 13:4-14:20
 - Distractions will come...focus on those who are receptive and let God handle the rest. (13:4-12)
 - Some will quit when the going gets tough...pray for them! Their _____ isn't finished yet. (13:13)
 - Most will walk away unphased by your witness...invest in those _____ for more. (13:14-43)
 - Sometimes, the only response to opposition is to get _____...souls are at stake! (13:44-14:3)
 - The greatest attribute of a pillar of the faith..._____. (14:8-18)
 - Attacks will come...keep his word, keep preaching, and keep pressing on! (14:4-7, 19-20)

 - c. Persistence – 14:21-23
 - Finish how you started

 - d. Propagation – 14:24-28
 - Disciple others to do the same

3. **The Pillar of Cloud:** The Cloud of Witnesses from the Philadelphian Church Period (*Revelation 3:7-13*)

John Clark (1609-1676)

Richard Baxter (1615-1691)

John Bunyan (1628-1688)

William Tennent (1673-1746)

Count Nicolas Ludwig Von Zinzendorf (1700-1760)

Jonathan Edwards (1703-1758)

John Wesley (1703-1791)

George Whitefield (1714-1770)

David Brainerd (1718-1747)

William Carey (1761-1834)

Adoniram Judson (1788-1850)

Robert Moffat (1795-1883)

George Mueller (1805-1898)

David Livingstone (1813-1873)

Hudson Taylor (1833-1905)

Charles Spurgeon (1834-1892)

Dwight L. Moody (1837-1899)

C.T. Studd (1862-1931)

4. **The Pillar of Faith**: The Key to being a Philadelphian in Laodicea (2025)

a. Know the _____ of your Faith – vs.7

- Who he is
- What he has
- What he can do

b. Know the _____ for your Faith – vs. 8

- The church didn't deny his name because they knew who he was
- The church kept his word because they knew what he had
- The church had little strength because they were doing what he was doing

c. Know the _____ behind your Faith – vs. 9-13

- For the world to know who he is
- For the world to believe what he has
- For the world to receive what he can do
- So, hold fast to the Key of David, join him in the work, and become a pillar of the faith!