

The Church at Philadelphia Rev. 3:7-13

I. The true Church for 2,000+ years.

1. Guarded His word.
 - 1) The Church is not found in the Old Testament.
 - 2) The Church is not governed by the Old Testament.
 - i. The door to the Old Testament is shut.
 - ii. The door to the Old Testament will be reopened.
2. Guarded His name.
 - 1) Place themselves under the New Covenant, by His blood.
 - 2) Belong to the race of the Church, not calling themselves Jews.

II. This church guards “His” patience.

1. Patience is an acquired skill, not a divine enabling (Rom. 5:3 *cf.* longsuffering Gal. 5:2).
2. “His” patience, our circumstances.
 - 1) Patience concerning good works (Rom. 2:7; 2 Thes. 3:5).
 - 2) Patience concerning suffering (Phil. 1:29; 2 Tim. 8-9; 3:12).
 - 3) Patience concerning His coming in judgment (Rom. 8:25; 2 Thes. 1:5-9; 3:5; 2 Pet. 3:4-9).

III. This church is guarded from the time of universal judgment.

1. There is impending judgment (Rom. 1:18; 2:5).
2. We are saved from that judgment (Rom. 5:9).
3. We are not appointed to any quality of judgment (1 Thes. 5:1-9).
 - 1) “They” vs. “you” and “us”.
 - 2) Saved, rescued from danger, by the Lord Jesus Christ.