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THE CORRESPONDENT

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- Here are the attributes Jesus uses to describe Himself:

1. THE _____ ONE

2 Kings 19:22 ESV

²² “Whom have you mocked and reviled? Against whom have you raised your voice and lifted your eyes to the heights? Against the Holy One of Israel!

Job 6:10 ESV

¹⁰ This would be my comfort; I would even exult in pain unsparing, for I have not denied the words of the Holy One.

Psalms 71:22 ESV

²² I will also praise you with the harp for your faithfulness, O my God; I will sing praises to you with the lyre, O Holy One of Israel.

To say that God is “holy” is to say that He is completely and entirely set apart from . He is absolutely and completely flawless.

Mark 1:24 *ESV*

²⁴ “What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God.”

1 Peter 1:15 *ESV*

¹⁵ but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct,

2. THE _____ ONE

Revelation 6:10 *ESV*

¹⁰ They cried out with a loud voice, “O Sovereign Lord, holy and true, how long before you will judge and avenge our blood on those who dwell on the earth?”

Revelation 15:3 *ESV*

³ And they sing the song of Moses, the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, “Great and amazing are your deeds, O Lord God the Almighty! Just and true are your ways, O King of the nations!

Revelation 16:7 *ESV*

⁷ And I heard the altar saying, “Yes, Lord God the Almighty, true and just are your judgments!”

John 14:6 *ESV*

⁶ Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

3. HAVING THE KEYS OF

Isaiah 22:22 *ESV*

²² And I will place on his shoulder the key of the house of David. He shall open, and none shall shut; and he shall shut, and none shall open.

4. HE WHO OPENS AND NO ONE SHUTS, AND WHO SHUTS AND NO ONE

Isaiah 43:13 *ESV*

¹³ Also henceforth I am he; there is none who can deliver from my hand; I work, and who can turn it back?”

THE CHURCH

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THE CITY

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Philadelphia is the youngest city of the 7 listed here in Revelation, beginning around B.C.

- Philadelphia would later change the name of its city after a rebuild following a devastating earthquake. The new name would be: _____.

THE COMMENDATION

Revelation 3:8–11 **ESV**

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1. THEY HAD LITTLE POWER

Revelation 3:8 **ESV**

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.

- In Christ’s Kingdom... emptying yourself of your flesh or becoming “weak” is allowing Jesus to be strong and glorified in the Body.

A church doesn’t have to be big in size to be _____ and strong!

2. THEY WERE OBEDIENT

Revelation 3:8 *ESV*

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John 14:23–24 *ESV*

²³ Jesus answered him, “If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. ²⁴ Whoever does not love me does not keep my words. And the word that you hear is not mine but the Father’s who sent me.

3. THEY HAD NOT DENIED CHRIST’S

Revelation 3:8 *ESV*

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4. THEY HAD KEPT THE WORD OF PERSEVERANCE

FOUR PROMISES IN RESPONSE

1. AN OPEN DOOR WHICH _____ CAN SHUT

This phrase meant to primary things specifically:

- a. Their salvation was secure
- b. The opportunities for divine service were open

1 Corinthians 16:8–9 *ESV*

⁸ But I will stay in Ephesus until Pentecost, ⁹ for a wide door for effective work has opened to me, and there are many adversaries.

2 Corinthians 2:12 *ESV*

¹² When I came to Troas to preach the gospel of Christ, even though a door was opened for me in the Lord,

Colossians 4:2–3 ESV

² Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving. ³ At the same time, pray also for us, that God may open to us a door for the word, to declare the mystery of Christ, on account of which I am in prison—

2. I WILL MAKE THE JEWS BOW DOWN AT YOUR FEET

Romans 2:28–29 ESV

²⁸ For no one is a Jew who is merely one outwardly, nor is circumcision outward and physical. ²⁹ But a Jew is one inwardly, and circumcision is a matter of the heart, by the Spirit, not by the letter. His praise is not from man but from God.

3. I WILL KEEP YOU IN THE HOUR OF

Because the believers in Philadelphia had successfully passed so many tests, Jesus promised to keep them secure in the day of testing.

THE COMMAND

Revelation 3:11 ESV

¹¹ I am coming soon. Hold fast what you have, so that no one may seize your crown.

Jesus here speaks of “*coming*” again.

- The present tense is vivid.
- “*Hold on*” is a present imperative with the force ‘keep a firm grip on.’
- **NO ONE** can steal their crown, but they themselves can forfeit it.
 - Esau forfeited his place to Jacob
 - Reuben to Judah
 - Saul to David

1 John 2:19 ESV

¹⁹ They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would have continued with us. But they went out, that it might become plain that they all are not of us.

THE COUNSEL

Revelation 3:12–13 ESV

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.’

1. CHRIST WILL MAKE HIM A PILLAR IN THE TEMPLE OF MY GOD AND HE WILL NOT GO OUT FROM IT ANYMORE

Pillars are a part of the structure, they don't go anywhere.

- If you're a pillar in a Kingdom that will never be destroyed, then you never go anywhere.

2. CHRIST WILL WRITE ON HIM THE

This depicts ownership.

3. CHRIST PROMISES TO WRITE 'THE NAME OF THE CITY OF MY GOD'

Christians have no worry about being homeless in eternity.

4. CHRIST PROMISES HIS 'NEW NAME'