

A person is seen from behind, standing with their arms raised high in a gesture of triumph or praise. They are wearing a dark, short-sleeved shirt with thin horizontal stripes. The background is a vast, dramatic sky at sunset or sunrise. The left side of the sky is a deep, dark blue, while the right side is a bright, glowing yellow and orange. Wispy clouds are scattered across the sky, some catching the low light of the sun. The overall mood is one of hope, achievement, and spiritual uplift.

The *Overcoming* Life





*Philadelphia:
The faithful few*

Rev. 3:7-13



“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. 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.

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

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. He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.'

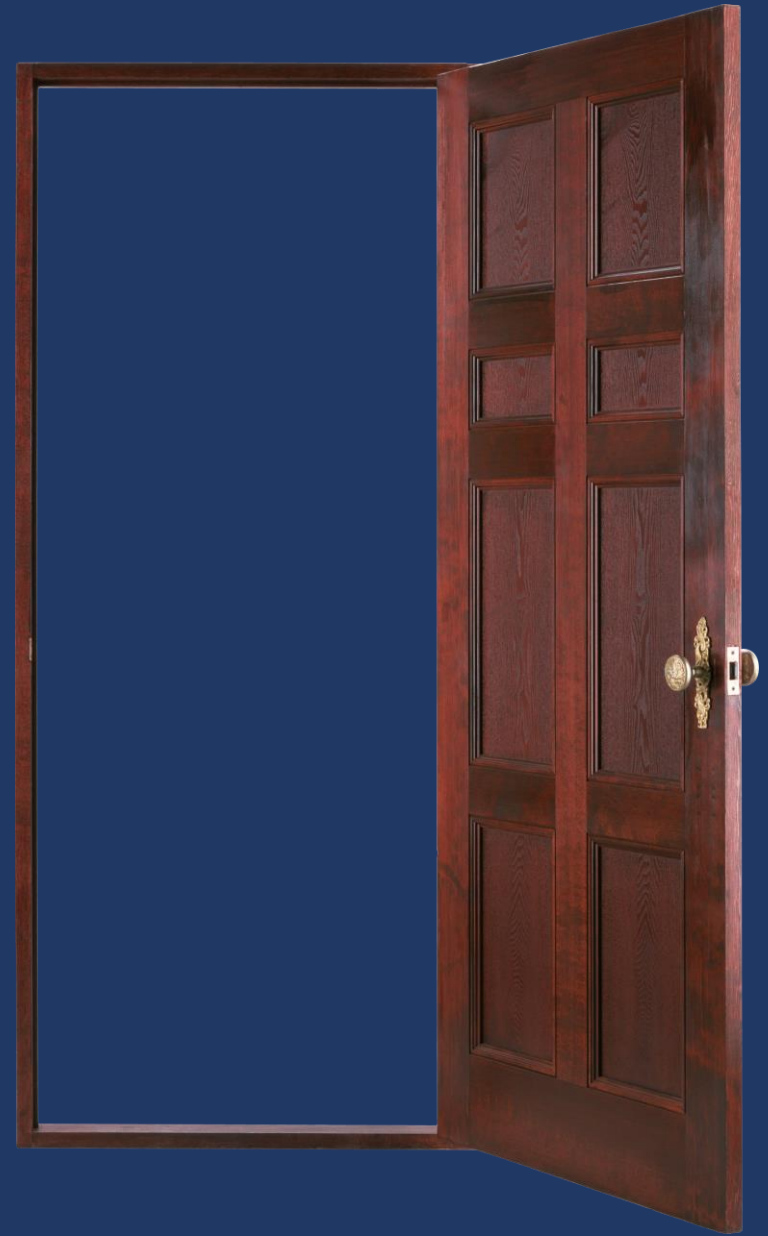
- Revelation 3:7-13

Single, simple point:

God honors and rewards
the person who is faithful.

He rewards the
faithful...

with an open
door.



He rewards the
faithful...

An open
door of
salvation.



He rewards the
faithful...

An open
door of
opportunity.





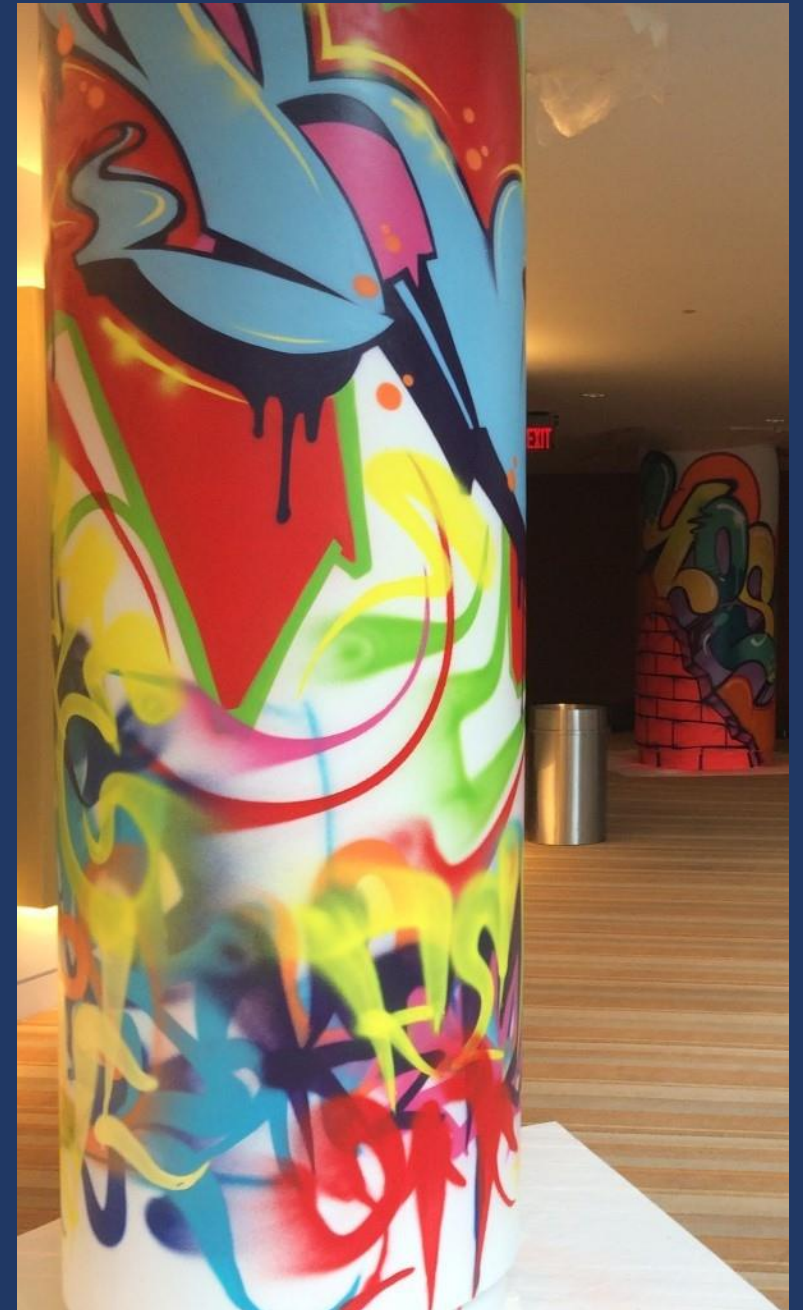
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He rewards the
faithful...

they become
graffitied
pillars.





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It is God who invites people into his church, and very often those who are invited are an unexpected surprise for the church itself. We who are in the church are usually unprepared for the response of people to Jesus.

- Earl Palmer

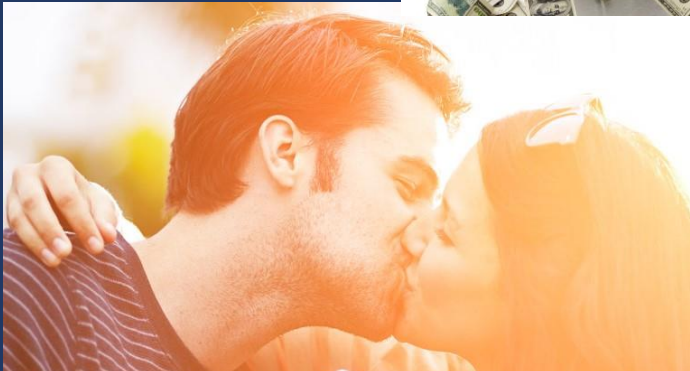


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JESUS *Child of* **New** **God** **Jerusalem**



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