



MISSION CITY
BIBLE CHURCH

DATE: Sunday, December 5, 2021

TITLE: A Letter to an Enduring Church

SERIES: The Book of Revelation: Worthy is the Lamb

PASSAGE: Revelation 3:7-13

Hold fast to what you have.

Three reasons we can hold fast to what we have . . .

1) There's no one like Jesus . . . so I'll _____ (v7)

cf., Isaiah 6:3

cf., Isaiah 40:25

cf., Isaiah 22:22

My list of 5:

2) No one can stop Jesus . . . so I'll _____ (v8-9)

“The size of a congregation, the limitations of its location, or the restrictions of its budget should never determine its vision. Instead, churches should set their vision based on the power of their God. God is infinite, magnificent, awesome, and mighty—beyond description or comprehension! When he chooses to open opportunities, the possibilities are endless. All we need to do is trust and follow him wherever he leads” (Chuck Swindoll)

3) Jesus still has an amazing future for us . . . so I'll _____ (v10-13)

3 realities:

A) God is _____

B) Heaven is _____

C) Jesus is _____

(*See page 2 for **PRAYER POINTS**.)

As we continue in our series through the letters to the seven churches in Revelation 2 and 3, let's pray together through these passages. Let's place ourselves humbly before the Lord and trust him to teach Mission City Bible Church what we need to know and do as a result of our time in the word and in prayer. Use these prayer starters, as needed, and move from one section to the next, as appropriate.

THE PRAISEWORTHY QUALITIES OF JESUS:

- He is the holy one (v7)
- He is the true one (v7)
- He has the key of David (v7)
- What he opens no one will shut, and what he shuts no one will open (v7)
- He opens doors for ministry which no one can shut (v8)
- He strengthens those who have little power (v8)
- He will vindicate his people in the end (v9)
- He loves us (v9)
- He will keep us (v10)
- He is coming soon (v11)
- He has a crown for us (v11)
- He will be our security, safety, and identity for eternity (v12)

REVERENCE:

- Lord, we worship you because . . .
- Jesus, we praise you because you are holy and true even when . . .
- Lord, thank you for loving me/us when . . .
- Jesus, we praise you because you have opened doors for us to . . .

RESPONSE:

- Lord, I confess that I have little power when it comes to . . .
- Lord, I admit that I have not pursued holiness and truth in . . .
- Lord, I acknowledge that in my search for security, safety, identity, etc., I have depended more on _____ than I have on you; help me to change

REQUEST:

- Lord, would you open the door to the treasures of the kingdom for these people in my life:
- Lord, we trust you to keep opening doors of ministry opportunity that no one can close (so we pray for evangelism, discipleship, baptisms, growth in prayer, etc.)
- Lord, we have such little power; strengthen us to . . .
- Lord, help me/us to hold on to you especially when . . .

READINESS:

- Jesus, we will trust you to keep us when it's hard for us to . . .
- Lord, help us to be ready to walk through the doors you open even when . . .
- Lord, come quickly!