

# A Tale of Seven Churches: Philadelphia

Revelation 3:7-13





# Philadelphia Stadium





# Philadelphia





# Ruins





# The Church Has A Mission



- The church is not a social club for the Saints.
- The mission of the church is to change the world.
- There will always be issues in this world that are opposed to the Word of God.
- A secondary mission of the church is to change people.
- Located on a major trade and postal route, they were able to send the gospel far and wide while they remained at home.
- The Philadelphian church represents “The Age of Revival,” which occurred between 1700 and 1850.
- It was during this time that world missions, national evangelism, and the Sunday School had their birth.



# Evangelism



- The door of evangelism was propped open by the way they lived.
- Are we concerned with an individual's salvation, or are we just concerned about collecting spiritual scalps?
- When our friends and family see the power of Jesus Christ exhibited in our life then we will see people come to the Lord.
- People may doubt what you say, but they will always believe what you do.



# Be An Example



- The value of a good example can never be over emphasized, but people need to know why and how you live the way you do.
- When examples of our faith shine throughout our community, people who say they are Christians, but are not, will come to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ.
- People will only believe what Christ can do in their lives when they can actually see what Christ has done in our lives.



# Conclusion

- Jesus spoke with praise of those things which were productive and with scorn of those which were unproductive.
- Jesus has entrusted us with the future of the church, and that future will not be realized if we pass it on.
- It is not how you start the race that counts, but how you finish.

