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*2 Corinthians 2:12-17*

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We say **AMEN** by following Him in obedience!

### God's Initiative:

#### 1. He opens and closes doors.

*To the angel of the church in Philadelphia write: These are the words of him who is holy and true, who holds the key of David. What he opens no one can shut, and what he shuts no one can open.*

*Revelation 3:7*

#### 2. He rescues us.

*For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, <sup>14</sup>in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.*

*Colossians 1:13-14*

#### 3. He delights in us.

*The Lord your God is with you,  
the Mighty Warrior who saves.  
He will take great delight in you;  
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*Zephaniah 3:17*

### Our Response:

#### 1. Give thanks to God.

*But thanks be to God...*

*V. 14a*

*So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.*

*Colossians 2:6-7*

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*V. 14b*

*Trust in the Lord with all your heart  
and lean not on your own understanding;*

*Proverbs 3:5*

#### 3. Go and live for Him!

*For we are to God the pleasing aroma of Christ among those who are being saved and those who are perishing.*

*V. 15*

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