*It’s Not Over Until It’s Over*

*Or the Prevailing Church*

*“And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock* ***I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.****” – Matthew 16:18*

1. **Times May Look Dark But He Is Still In Control**
   1. **Now is the time to trust God**
   2. **Now is the time to pray like never before**

“…but the people that do know their God shall be strong, and do exploits.” – Daniel 11:32

1. **Now is Not the Time to Give Up or Give In**

“…Occupy till I come.” - Luke 19:13

1. **God still has a plan**
2. **God still has a work for his people to do**
3. **God is still working today**
4. **God’s promises are still the same**
5. **Prayer can still change things**
6. **Holiness is still right!**
7. **He Has Promised That The Gates of Hell Will Not Prevail Against the True Church**
   1. **The Gates of Hell shall not prevail against the True Church**

Throughout history there has always been a faithful remnant of the Church.

* 1. **Not all Christians are part of the True Church**

**The book of Revelation gives two stark contrasts – the Philadelphia Church and the Laodicean Church**

***The Laodicean Church –*** the backslidden worldly church

***The Philadelphia Church –*** the remnant church that has and will keep the word of His patience

* + 1. **The Gates of Hell has already prevailed against the The Laodicean Church**

The Lukewarm Church (The Laodicean Church) will go into the Tribulation. Many Christians are going the way of Laodicean lukewarmness and compromise and thus will be left here during the Tribulation.

*“So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth.” – Revelation 3:16*

*Spewed out into the Tribulation hour*

* + 1. **The Gates of Hell will not prevail against the Remnant Church (The Philadelphia Church)**

The Remnant Church (The Philadelphia Church) will escape the Tribulation.

*“Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth.” – Revelation 3:10*

*The hour of temptation which shall come upon all the world – the Tribulation*

***–– It’s Time to Press In ––***

*Only One Life So Soon Will Pass and Only What’s Done for Christ Will Last!*