

SERMON SERIES: THE SEVEN CHURCHES IN ASIA MINOR – (REV 1-3)

“THE CHURCH IN PHILADELPHIA”

Rev 3:7-13

INTRODUCTION:

“The Church in Philadelphia” is referred to as the Faithful Church or the Obedient Church. This church made Christ the center of its ministries.

- I. THE COMMISSION OF THE PHILADELPHIA CHURCH (v. 7a)**
 - A. “And the Angel” (v. 7a)**
 - B. Commission**
 - C. Christ left His Church in the hands of the Pastor**

- II. THE SPEAKER TO THE PHILADELPHIA CHURCH (v. 7b)**
 - A. Christ is Holy – “He that is Holy” (Ps 99:9; 1 Pet 1:15-16)**
 - B. Christ is True – He that is True” (John 14:6; Col 2:9)**
 - C. Christ is “He that hath the Key of David”**
 - D. Christ is “He that openeth, and no man shutteth; and shutteth, and no man openeth”**

- III. THE COMMENDATION OF THE PHILADELPHIA CHURCH (vv. 8-11a)**
 - A. “I have set before thee an Open Door, and no man can shut it” (v. 8b)**
 - B. “For thou hast little strength” (v. 8b; Matt 14:21)**
 - C. The Church was Obedient – They Kept God’s Word (v. 8c; Ps 119:9-10; 2 Tim 2:15)**
 - D. The Church Confessed Christ – They did not deny the name of Christ (v. 8d; Luke 12:8; 1 John 4:15)**
 - E. Enemies of Christ – Referred to as “The Synagogue of Satan” (v. 9a,b,c; Rom 14:11; Phil 2:10-11)**
 - F. Christ also Commended this Church for Keeping the Word of His Patience – Persecution (v. 10a; Rev 13:1-8, 11-17; John 5:24; 1 Thess 4:13-18; Matt 25:13)**

- IV. THE COMMAND TO THE PHILADELPHIA CHURCH (v. 11b)**
 - A. “Hold Fast”**
 - B. Christ is saying, until I return – Continue to be Faithful**
 - C. Christ said, “Hold Fast ... No man can take thy Crown” (v. 11c; 1 Cor 9:25-27)**

- V. THE PROMISE TO THE PHILADELPHIA CHURCH (vv. 12-13; 1 John 5:5)**
 - A. Christ will make the Overcomer “A Pillar in the Temple of My God” (v. 12b)**
 - B. Christ will “write the name of My God” on the Overcomer (v. 12c)**
 - C. Christ will write on the Overcomers (v. 12d).**
 - D. Christ will write on the Overcomer, His New Name (v. 12e; 1 John 3:2)**
 - E. Christ concluded this letter with the exhortation (Rev 3:13)**

CONCLUSION:

- A. The Philadelphia Church was a Faithful, Loving, and Obedient Church.**
- B. Christ only had Commendation (Praise) for this church – There was no condemnation.**
- C. May the Lord purify us.**
- D. Are you listening for the shout, the voice of the Archangel, and the Trump of God.**
- E. Romans Road (Rom 3:10, 23; 5:8; 10:9, 13)**

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“... the word of our God shall stand for ever” (Isa 40:8).