

# The Faithful Church

## The Church of Philadelphia

Open in Prayer:

Holy Father [Abba] Your WORD give eternal life, wisdom and sustain in this time as we go through this world. Your Word sustain in our time of tribulation, through time of pain and sorrow. Father give ears to hear and a heart to perceives. In the name of Jesus, amend.

We are continuing in Revelation 3:7 thru 13

First some historic facts concerning the Church of Philadelphia.

- Philadelphia means Brotherly Love, it called [The Faithful Church]
- It was established in 189 BC by King Eumenes II of Pergamon (197-160 BC). Eumenes II named the city for the love of his brother, who would be his successor, Attalus II (159-138 BC), whose loyalty earned him the nickname, "Philadelphos", literally meaning "one who loves his brother".

- perhaps best-known as the site of one of the seven churches of Asia in the Book of Revelation. This city was the youngest of the seven churches.
- It was situated where the borders of Mysia, Lydia and Phrygia
- Located 40 miles from Sardis
- In Church in historical times is the missionary movement
- Time Frame is from 1648 A.D. thru 1900 A.D.
- Philadelphia became wealthy from their wine production.
- They had two Chief deities The Sun god and Dionysus, who in Greek mythology is the god of wine and religion celebrations was orgies, celebrating the power and fertility of nature.  
Dionysus is known for his dual nature one part of him bring joy and the other brings unthinkable rage.  
Roman Mythology Dionysus is also called Bacchus.

Let's begin to study the Faithful Church;

[Revelation 3:7 NKJV]

Verse 7 first describes Jesus as Holy which is important for a Christian's walk, if we are to be transformed to the

image of the Son we need to be holy. Separated from the ways of the world.

[Isaiah 6:1-4 NKJV]

[1Peter 1:14-16 NKJV]

Peter is quoting from Lev. 11:44.

Second description of Christ is He who is true;

[John 14:6 NKJV]

[1John 5:20 NKJV]

[Psalm 119:159-160 NKJV]

The third description of Christ is "He who has the key of David, He who opens and no one shuts, and shuts and no one opens":

[Isaiah 22:20-22 NKJV]

[Jeremiah 23:5 NKJV]

[Revelation 3:8 NKJV]

First part of this verse the church thinks they have a little strength and Jesus knows they have a little strength, but what does the word say about our weaknesses?

[2Corinthians 12:7-10 NKJV]

In this next passage Paul speaks about a great door being open to him, but it didn't come without a great battle of spiritual warfare.

### [1Corinthians 16:9-11 NKJV]

The next point in this passage make it clear what and why the LORD has given this church an open door that no one can shut!!! ["have kept My word, and have not denied My name."]

Word in Greek is Logos and is used 330 times in the Bible

Logos means;

the sayings of God

doctrine, teaching

decree, mandate or order

the moral precepts given by God

Old Testament prophecy given by the prophets

Let's remember who is the WORD of GOD, the same word that is used in the next passage is Logos.

### [John 1:1-5 NKJV]

Why are these two points so important? Because without the word and not denying the name of Jesus there can be no salvation.

[Colossians 4:2-6 NKJV]

[Isaiah 40:8 NKJV]

[Isaiah 55:8-11 NKJV]

Hear it in Jesus's own words

[John 3:5-7 NKJV]

Jesus is not talking about natural child birth He is talking about being washed with the Word and having their spirits revived, being born again!!!

[Ephesians 5:25-27 NKJV]

[1Corinthians 6:9-11 NKJV]

If the church is more concerned in filling the seats, growing their weekly offerings and what kind of program they can offer. They will build a social club rather than the Philadelphian church.

The way the church was built was on preaching the word.

[Act 20:26-30 NKJV]

If the churches continue to PREACH A WATER GOSPEL OR A GOSPEL THAT DENIES THE AUTHORITY OF THE WORD OF GOD OR DENIES HELL AND THE WRATH OF GOD OR ALLEGORIZE SCRIPTURE THEIR seats ARE FILLED with

NON- BELIEVER OR PROFESSING BELIEVER MAKING A GOD IN THEIR IMAGE. Give examples!!

Taylor Swift

Editor's Note January 23, 2020: Grove United Methodist Church leadership has made a statement regarding these accusations. Read the follow-up article here.

A church in Minnesota is asking its members older than 60 years old to worship elsewhere while the church closes to “reset” and welcome younger families.

British Arena Boots Franklin Graham over 'Homophobic' Biblical Views

A Liverpool arena cancels a Franklin Graham event over his "homophobic" views on marriage and sexuality.

[Revelation 3:9 NKJV]

Two quit points;

First point, those of the synagogue of Satan, who say they are Jews and are not, but lie—indeed.

I believe these are those that are replacement theologian, they claim to be the church of Jesus Christ, but deny scripture and claim that the church has replaced Israel.

Second point, I do not believe this passage is saying that they will worship us or the church. I believe when they appear in front Jesus we will be there with our Lord. We will witness them worshipping Jesus.

[Philippians 2:9-11 NKJV]

[Romans 14:11 NKJV] 11 For it is written: "[As] I live, says the LORD, Every knee shall bow to Me, And every tongue shall confess to God."

Next turn back Revelation 3:10 thru 11;

[Revelation 3:10-11 NKJV]

The faithful church is promised not to go through the seven years tribulation, that is what the passages is speaking about.

The trial that is coming on the whole earth is the Tribulation;

[Matthew 24:21-22 NKJV]

Continuing with not being appointed to wrath.

[1Thessalonians 5:4-9 NKJV]

[Romans 5:8-11 NKJV]

[1Thessalonians 1:8-10 NKJV]

Our faith in Christ are book ended in Romans 8 the first half deals with us not being appointed to wrath and/or condemnation.

[Romans 8:1-7 NKJV]

The second half our security in Jesus Christ.

[Romans 8:18-39 NKJV]

We at VCC believe in the pre-tribulation Rapture, we believe it because there is too much scripture not to believe it.