

THE MESSAGE TO THE CHURCH AT PHILADELPHIA

SCRIPTURE: REVELATION 3:7-13

INTRODUCTION

THIS IS GOD'S MESSAGE TO THE FAITHFUL CHURCH. WITH GOD, FAITHFULNESS ALWAYS PAYS GREAT DIVIDENDS. BECAUSE OF THE FAITHFULNESS OF THE PHILADELPHIAN BELIEVERS, GOD PROMISES TO SET BEFORE THEM AN OPEN DOOR. FAITHFULNESS ALWAYS BRINGS EXPANDED OPPORTUNITY.

I. THE OPEN DOOR OF FELLOWSHIP

1 JOHN 1:3 THAT WHICH WE HAVE SEEN AND HEARD DECLARE WE UNTO YOU, THAT YE MAY ALSO HAVE FELLOWSHIP WITH US: AND TRULY OUR FELLOWSHIP IS WITH THE FATHER, AND WITH HIS SON JESUS CHRIST.

- A. CALVARY'S PURPOSE WAS TO BRING US INTO FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD
 - 1. ESTRANGED FROM GOD BY SIN
 - 2. RECONCILED TO GOD BY CHRIST'S BLOOD
- B. HE HAS PROVIDED UNLIMITED ACCESS TO HIM

HEBREWS 4:16 LET US THEREFORE COME BOLDLY UNTO THE THRONE OF GRACE THAT WE MAY OBTAIN MERCY, AND FIND GRACE TO HELP IN THE TIME OF NEED.

II. THE OPEN DOOR OF POWER

ACTS 1:8A BUT YE SHALL RECEIVE POWER AFTER THAT THE HOLY GHOST IS COME UPON YOU:

- A. GOD MADE HIS POWER AVAILABLE TO THE BELIEVER
- B. GOD'S SUPERABUNDANCE IS NOW OURS

EPHESIANS 3:20 NOW UNTO HIM THAT IS ABLE TO DO EXCEEDING ABUNDANTLY ABOVE ALL THAT WE ASK OR THINK ACCORDING TO THE POWER THAT WORKETH IN US....

- C. GOD EXPECTS US TO OPERATE IN HIS POWER
 - 1. HIS POWER IS NOT STATIC
 - 2. HIS POWER IS DYNAMIC
 - A. IT IS CONSTANTLY AT WORK IN THE CHURCH
 - B. IT SHOULD BE CONSTANTLY AT WORK IN EACH CHRISTAIN

III. THE OPEN DOOR OF OPPORTUNITY

REVELATION 3:9 BEHOLD, I WILL MAKE THEM OF THE SYNAGOGUE OF SATANJ WHICH SAY THEY ARE JEWS, AND ARE NOT, BUT DO LIE; BEHOLD, I WILL MAKE THEM TO COME AND WORSHIP BEFORE THY FEET, AND TO KNOW THAT I HAVE LOVED THEE.

- A. GREATER OPPORTUNITIES ARE GIVEN UNTO THE FAITHFUL
- B. OPPORTUNITIES TO WORK FOR GOD HAVE NEVER BEEN GREATER
 - 1. WE HAVE MORE TOOLS TO USE
 - 2. WE HAVE A GREATER MEANS TO SPREAD THE GOSPEL
 - 3. THERE IS A GREATER HUNGER FOR SPIRITUAL THINGS
- C. THESE OPPORTUNITIES REQUIRE MORE FAITHFULNESS