

FAITHFUL

(The Church of Philadelphia)

Revelation 3:7-13

Philadelphia (Background)

1. Jesus is **HOLY** and **TRUE**. (Mark 1:24; Revelation 6:10, 19:11; 1 John 5:20; Hebrews 4:15; 1 Peter 1:19; Exodus 15:11; 1 Samuel 2:2; Isaiah 6:3; John 3:33, 17:3)
2. God's will can never be successfully **THWARTED**! (Revelation 1:18; Isaiah 22; Isaiah 9:6, 14:27, 55:10-11; Matthew 16:19; Proverbs 21:20; Job 42:2; Hebrews 13:8)

The COMMENDATION

3. Not abandoning God's **WORD** and not **DENYING** His name is commendable! (Deuteronomy 10:20, 11:1, 13:4; Psalm 63:8; Psalm 119:11-16; 2 Peter 2:1; Mark 8:38; Romans 1:16; Titus 1:16; John 15:14)
4. Strength is **NOT** in strength, and strength is **NOT** in numbers! (Jeremiah 9:23-24, 17:5; Philippians 3:13, 4:13; Proverbs 3:5-6, 14:12, 28:26; Psalm 37:5, 46:1-3; Judges 7; Isaiah 41:10; Ephesians 6:10; Zechariah 4:6; Acts 4:13; Luke 6:10-12; 2 Corinthians 12:9)
5. Being obedient to **PERSEVERE** is commendable! (James 1:12; Galatians 6:9; Romans 5:3-5, 12:12; Hebrews 12:1; 2 Thessalonians 3:13)

The CENSURE
(None.)

The CHALLENGE

6. Hold fast to what you have been given: a **DOOR** of opportunity, your **TRUST** in God, and your **FAITHFULNESS** to Him alone! (Hebrews 3:6, 10:23; 1 Thessalonians 5:21; Galatians 6:10; Colossians 4:5; Ephesians 5:16; Psalm 62:5-7; Acts 14:27)

The CONSEQUENCE

7. The overcomer will have supernatural **PROTECTION**. (2 Peter 2:7-9; Isaiah 41:10; 2 Thessalonians 3:3; Psalm 5:11, 138:7)
8. The overcomer will have endless **STABILITY**, a forever **HOME**, and a clear **NAME** that indicates we belong to Jesus! (Revelation 2:17, 13:16-17; Isaiah 56:5, 62:2; Psalm 100:3; Romans 14:8; 1 Corinthians 6:19; 2 Corinthians 1:21-22)



Sunday, February 19, 2023

Taking it further to help you **THRIVE**...

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1. Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?
2. Share a time when you felt weak / powerless, yet God empowered you to keep going and carry on.
3. What should our response be to Jesus - the One who is "*holy and true*" (verse 7)?
4. What unique door of opportunity did Philadelphia have because of its location? What unique door(s) of opportunity do we have as a local church in King George, VA? If God has opened a door, what should we do? What can we do to make sure we continue to persevere and seek to please Him?
5. We often hear that strength is in size or in numbers, but this was *not true* with the Church of Philadelphia (see verse 8 and recall the background we discussed on Sunday). How can this be *not true* of our church fellowship? Can you think of a specific portion of Scripture that addresses strength not being in size or numbers? (Bring it up, and talk about how it relates.)
6. Jesus said of the overcomer (pillar) - "*never shall he go out*" (verse 12) of the temple of God. What significance would this have had on the Christ-followers in Philadelphia? What promise does this hold for us?
7. What does a church of brotherly love (a faithful church) "look like"? In what ways are we a church of *brotherly love*? In what ways do we need to grow to be more like the church of Philadelphia?