

**WHAT JESUS LOOKS FOR IN A CHURCH
(Christ's Messages to the Seven Churches in Revelation 2-3)**

**The Church in Philadelphia (Revelation 3: 7-13)
The Church Where Jesus Would Choose to be a Member**

**The Church's Commendation:
Feebleness Wedded with Faithfulness**

**1. COURAGE TO WALK THROUGH DOORS OF SERVICE WHICH GOD
OPENED.**

*I know your deeds. Behold, I have put before you an open door which
no one can shut...* **Revelation 3: 8a**

*...for a wide door for effective service has opened to me, and there are
many adversaries.* **1 Corinthians 16: 9**

*Praying... that God may open up to us a door for the Word, so that we
may speak forth the mystery of Christ...* **Colossians 4: 3**

- Those who enter the door of **SALVATION** are to go out the door of **SERVICE**.

**“Unless our faith saves us out of selfishness into service, it will certainly
never save us out of hell into heaven.”** **Mark Pearce**

*What good is it, dear brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but
don't show it by your actions. Can that kind of faith save anyone?*

James 2: 14

*...we have confidence to enter the holy place by the blood of Jesus...so let
us go out to Him outside the camp, bearing His reproach.*

Hebrews 10: 19 & 13: 13

*Your attitude must be like My Own, for I, the Messiah, did not come to
be served, but to serve...* **Mat. 20: 28 (LB)**

- Every believer is uniquely **SHAPED** to serve God.

*We are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works,
which God prepared in advance for us to do.* **Ephesians 2: 10**

Your hands shaped me and made me. **Job 10: 8**

Spiritual Gifts

Each one has received a gift, employ it in serving...

1 Peter 4: 10

Heart (Passion)

Ask, "What do I enjoy doing?" & then do it for the glory of God!

Abilities

Ask, "What am I good at doing?" & then use your ability to serve God.

Personality

Don't mimic someone else's ministry. Be the person God made you.

Experiences

You have been shaped by your experiences in life. God can transform every hurt into an open door for ministry (2 Corinthians 1: 3-4).

2. FAITH IN GOD'S POWER

...because you have little power...

Revelation 3: 8b

...from weakness were made strong...

Hebrews 11: 34

- We are continually confronted with OPPORTUNITIES brilliantly disguised by God as IMPOSSIBILITIES so that He receives all the glory!

3. OBEDIENCE TO GOD'S WORD

...and have kept my Word...

Revelation 3: 8c

- Obedience is doing exactly what I'm told to do, when I'm told to do it, with the right heart attitude, which releases the power of God. Therefore, God's commandments are God's ENABLEMENTS.

4. LOVE FOR CHRIST

...and have not denied My Name.

Revelation 3: 8d

- Remaining faithful to Jesus in suffering proves the depth of my LOVE.

5. HOPE IN CHRIST'S RETURN

Because you have kept the Word of My perseverance... Revelation 3: 10a

- The FAITHFUL PILGRIM on earth will become a FIRM PILLAR in heaven's temple.

He who overcomes, I will make him a pillar in the temple of My God.

Revelation 3: 12