

A Small Church: Christ Cheered the Church in Philadelphia

Revelation 3:7-13, Part 1

- I. Christ wants our church to be emboldened by his authority (3:7). Christ cheered the church in Philadelphia by describing his authority.
 - A. Christ expects us to recognize his identity (3:7a). Christ asserted his authority by who he is.

 - B. Christ expects us to recognize his influence (3:7b). Christ asserted his authority by what he has.

- II. Christ wants our church to be encouraged by his assurances (3:8a, 9b). Christ cheered the church in Philadelphia by assuring them of what they had.
 - A. Christ expects us to be comforted by our access to his kingdom (3:8a). Christ had set before them an opened door.

 - B. Christ expects us to be comforted by his affection for his people (3:9b). Christ had set his love upon them.

- III. Christ wants our church to be reassured by his acknowledgements (3:8, 10a). Christ cheered the church in Philadelphia by validating their faithfulness.
 - A. Christ expects us to refuse to determine his approval by the size of the church (3:8). Christ acknowledged they were small.

 - B. Christ expects us to determine his approval by the faithfulness of the church (3:8, 10a). Christ acknowledged they were steadfast.