



## Philadelphia - The Faithful Church

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### **The Church in Philadelphia is a faithful church.**

*I know your deeds... I know that you have little strength, yet you have kept my word and have not denied my name.*

**Revelation 3:8 (NIV)**

### **God rewards faithfulness.**

*These are the words of him who is holy and true...*

**Revelation 3:7a (NIV)**

*O Lord, you are faithful to those who are faithful to you...*

**Psalms 18:25 (GNT)**

### **Five promises God makes to me when I am faithful:**

#### **Promise #1- "My door is always open to you."**

*These are the words of him who...holds the key of David. What he opens no one can shut, and what he shuts no one can open.*

**Revelation 3:7 (NIV)**

*So, brothers and sisters, we are completely free to enter the Most Holy Place without fear because of the blood of Jesus' death. <sup>20</sup> We can enter through a new and living way that Jesus opened for us. It leads through the curtain—Christ's body. **Hebrews 10:19-20 (NCV)***

*I am the door, and the person who enters through me will be saved and will be able to come in and go out and find pasture.*

**John 10:9 (NCV)**

*See, I have placed before you an open door that no one can shut.*

**Revelation 3:8b (NIV)**

#### **Promise #2- "No matter what happens, you are secure."**

*The one who is victorious I will make a pillar in the temple of my God. Never again will they leave it.*

**Revelation 3:12a (NIV)**

*So we should be thankful because we have a kingdom that cannot be shaken. And because we are thankful, we should worship God in a way that will please him. We should do this with respect and fear.*

**Hebrews 12:28 (ERV)**

*I keep my eyes always on the Lord. He is at my right hand. So I will always be secure. <sup>9</sup> So my heart is glad. Joy is on my tongue. My body also will be secure.*

**Psalms 16:8-9 (NIRV)**

#### **Promise #3- "I will give you My Name."**

*The one who is victorious... I will write on them the name of my God and the name of the city of my God, the new Jerusalem, which is coming down out of heaven from my God; and I will also write on them my new name.*

**Revelation 3:12 (NIV)**

*And you will be given a new name by the LORD's own mouth. <sup>3</sup> The LORD will hold you in his hand for all to see—a splendid crown in the hand of God. <sup>4</sup> Never again will you be called "The Forsaken City" or "The Desolate Land." Your new name will be "The City of God's Delight" and "The Bride of God," for the LORD delights in you and will claim you as his bride.*

**Isaiah 62:2-4 (NLT)**

#### **Promise #4- "I will keep you intact as you face your trials."**

*Since you have kept my command to endure patiently, I will also keep you from the hour of trial that is going to come on the whole world to test the inhabitants of the earth.*

**Revelation 3:10 (NIV)**

*All you who are faithful, love the Lord! The Lord protects those who are loyal.*

**Psalms 31:23a (CEB)**

#### **Promise #5- "I will vindicate you."**

*I will make those who are of the synagogue of Satan, who claim to be Jews though they are not, but are liars—I will make them come and fall down at your feet and acknowledge that I have loved you.*

**Revelation 3:9 (NIV)**

*The people who have hurt you will bow down to you; those who hated you will bow down at your feet. They will call you The City of the Lord, Jerusalem, city of the Holy One of Israel.*

**Isaiah 60:14 (NCV)**