

**Valley Bible Church**  
**Sermon Notes for July 6, 2008**

**The Faithful Church**  
**Revelation 3:7-13**  
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- 1. We must understand the commission to write to the church in Philadelphia (Revelation 3:7).**
  - a. First, in this commission, there is mention of an angel (Revelation 1:20).
  - b. Second, in this commission, there is mention of the church (Acts 19:10).
  - c. Third, in this commission, there is mention of the city.
  - d. Fourth, in this commission, there is mention of the author.
    - Attribute #1-Christ is identified as pure in holy character (John 6:69; Mark 1:24).
    - Attribute #2-Christ is identified as perfect in unblemished truth (Revelation 6:10; 15:3; 16:7; 19:2, 11; John 14:6; 1 John 5:2).
    - Attribute #3-Christ is identified as powerful in sovereign authority (Revelation 5:5; 22:16; Isaiah 22:15-23).
  
- 2. We must understand the commendation given to the church in Philadelphia (Revelation 3:8-10).**
  - a. Christ offers an affirmation of the church's works (Revelation 3:8).
    - First, they possessed Christ's strength (2 Corinthians 12:9-10; Philippians 4:13).
    - Second, they pursued Christ's Word (John 14:23; 1 John 2:5).
    - Third, they prized Christ's name (Matthew 10:32).
  - b. Christ offers a vindication from the

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church's enemy (Revelation 3:9; Romans 2:28-29).

- c. Christ offers a proclamation for the church's protection (Revelation 3:10; John 17:5; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18).

**3. We must understand the counsel given to the church in Philadelphia (Revelation 3:11).**

**4. We must understand the challenge given to the overcomers in Philadelphia (Revelation 3:12-13).**

- a. First, Christ offers a promise of security.
- b. Second, Christ offers a promise of ownership.

I pray that we will heed the counsel of Christ and hold fast remaining faithful, loyal and obedient to Christ through whatever we may face in this life.