

# New Song Fellowship Church

*Being and Making Disciples*

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## SERMON NOTES

# Those Whom I Love

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Scripture: Revelation 3:14-22

Series: Revelation

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## The Letter to Philadelphia

Rev 3:7 "To the angel of the church in Philadelphia write: These are the words of him who is holy and true, who holds the key of David. What he opens no one can shut, and what he shuts no one can open. 8 I know your deeds. See, I have placed before you an open door that no one can shut. I know that you have little strength, yet you have kept my word and have not denied my name.

## Holy and True / The Key of David

Isa 22:22 I will place on his shoulder the key to the house of David; what he opens no one can shut, and what he shuts no one can open.

Rev 3:8 I know your deeds. See, I have placed before you an open door that no one can shut. I know that you have little strength, yet you have kept my word and have not denied my name.

## An Open Door

1Co 16:8 But I will stay on at Ephesus until Pentecost, 9 because a great door for effective work has opened to me, and there are many who oppose me.

## The Synagogue of Satan

Rev 3:9 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.

*claim to be Jews:*

Rom 2:28 A person is not a Jew who is one only outwardly, nor is circumcision

merely outward and physical. 29 No, a person is a Jew who is one inwardly; and circumcision is circumcision of the heart, by the Spirit, not by the written code.

*But are Liars:*

Joh 8:44 You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies.

Rev 3:9b I will make them come and fall down at your feet and acknowledge that I have loved you.

## **Kept from the Hour of Trial**

Rev 3:10 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.

*the hour of trial:*

Mar 13:19 For there will be greater anguish in those days than at any time since God created the world. And it will never be so great again. (also Mat 24:21)

Rev 3:11 I am coming soon. Hold on to what you have, so that no one will take your crown.

Rev 3:12 The one who is victorious I will make a pillar in the temple of my God. Never again will they leave it. 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. 13 Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches.

## **The Letter to Laodicea**

Rev 3:14 "To the angel of the church in Laodicea write: These are the words of the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the ruler of God's creation.

Rev 3:15 I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot. I wish you were either one or the other! 16 So, because you are lukewarm--neither hot nor cold--I am about to spit you out of my mouth.

## **The Danger of Self-Sufficiency**

Rev 3:17 You say, 'I am rich; I have acquired wealth and do not need a thing.'

But you do not realize that you are wretched, pitiful, poor, blind and naked.

1Ti 6:10 For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.

(NLT) Mat 6:24 "No one can serve two masters. For you will hate one and love the other; you will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and be enslaved to money.

(NLT) Luk 12:21 "Yes, a person is a fool to store up earthly wealth but not have a rich relationship with God."

## **The True Riches**

Rev 3:18 I counsel you to buy from me gold refined in the fire, so you can become rich; and white clothes to wear, so you can cover your shameful nakedness; and salve to put on your eyes, so you can see.

Isa 55:1 "Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without cost.

## **The Invitation**

Rev 3:19 Those whom I love I rebuke and discipline. So be earnest and repent. 20 Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me.

Rev 3:21 To the one who is victorious, I will give the right to sit with me on my throne, just as I was victorious and sat down with my Father on his throne. 22 Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches."

Rev 1:3 Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear it and take to heart what is written in it, because the time is near.

Joh 3:16 For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. 17 For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

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## Weekly Reflection

*Take a few moments this week to sit with these questions.*

1. Pastor Murphy emphasizes that Jesus knows the Philadelphia church has "little strength" yet commends them for keeping His word. Where in your own life do you feel weak or inadequate, and how might Jesus be inviting you to trust Him with that very limitation?
2. The sermon contrasts true faith (circumcision of the heart) with mere outward religious practice. What areas of your spiritual life might you be maintaining "outwardly" while your heart needs deeper transformation?
3. Jesus promises to keep the faithful "from the hour of trial" because they've endured patiently. As you face current struggles, what does patient endurance look like for you--and how does knowing Jesus holds the keys to your future shape the way you hold on?