

**WCBC WORSHIP SERVICE - OCTOBER 22, 2017**

**TOPIC:** THE SEVEN CHURCHES OF REVELATION

Sermon 6: *"Philadelphia: The Faithful Church!"*

**TEXT:** Revelation 3:7-13

**INTRO:** The City Of Philadelphia!

**I. DESCRIPTION OF A FAITHFUL CHURCH: v. 8, 10**

1. Characterized by **POWER** - v.8b

Note: "little strength" - "strength," Greek word, "dunamis" (dynamite), meaning, "power."

- WCBC Practical Ministries!

2. Characterized by **OBEDIENCE** - v.8b

Why Is It Important To Do God's Word?

A. It will keep us from living in sin - Psalm 119:9-11 cf. I John 3:6,9

D.L. Moody!

B. It will keep us on the right path - Psa. 119:105  
Going To Florida!

3. Characterized by **LOYALTY** - v.8b

4. Characterized by **ENDURANCE** - v.8b cf. II Tim. 2:3

A. How to patiently endure = Hebrews 12:1-2

B. Reward for enduring patiently - James 1:12

**II. PROMISE TO A FAITHFUL CHURCH: v. 10, 12**

1. Protection - v.10 cf. I Thessalonians 5:10

2. Dwelling - v.12a

Note: A permanent place to live in, in Heaven, with God! - I Peter 1:3-4

**CONCLUSION:** Be faithful! - I Cor. 15:58

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**Faithful Pastor!**

An elderly preacher was rebuked by one of his deacons one Sunday morning before the service. "Pastor," said the man, "something must be wrong with your preaching and your work. There's been only one person added to the church in a whole year, and he's just a boy." The minister listened, his eyes moistening, and his thin hand trembling. "I feel it all," he replied, "but God knows I've tried to do my duty." On that day the minister's heart was heavy as he stood before his flock. As he finished the message, he felt a strong inclination to resign. After everyone else had left, that boy came to him and said, "Do you think if I worked hard for an education, I could become a preacher, or perhaps a missionary?" Again tears swelled up in the minister's eyes. "Ah, this heals the aches I feel," he said. "Robert, I see the Divine Hand now. May God bless you, my boy. Yes, I think you will become a preacher."

Many years later, an aged missionary returned to London from Africa. His name was spoken with reverence. Nobles invited him to their homes. He had added many souls to the church of Jesus Christ, reaching even some of Africa's most savage chiefs. His name was Robert Moffat, the same Robert who years before had spoken to the pastor that Sunday morning in the old Scottish kirk.

Lord, help us to be faithful. Then give us the grace to leave the results to you! - Source Unknown

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**Verse For Today**

***"Therefore, my dear brothers, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain!" - I Corinthians 15:58***

**Food For Thought**

"Never give up on God because He never gives up on you!"  
- Woodrow Kroll

