

Mt. Lebanon Church

Sermon

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Please look up and read all verses in their entirety. I have only written partial verses.

Make your own notes, write down other scriptures that you run across while studying, write down questions that you may have or comments as well. Allow the Holy Spirit to reveal to you what he would have you to see through the study of Gods word.

Gods open door

Revelation 3: 7 – 8

By salvation God has offered to all and to us, through Christ, an open door of opportunity to do his will and his work. This is opportunity that comes by obeying the word of God. Assurance through his word that encourages us who believes.

1 John 4:4,....he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world....

What is this open door and where does it lead.

Christ is the open door.

John 10:7,....then Jesus said to them again, most assuredly, I say to you, I am the door....

John 14:6,.... Jesus said to him, I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me....

Heaven is where it leads.

So just as it was for the church in Philadelphia, this church and the church age, so it is for us in this grace dispensation period. Our opportunity, or open door starts with salvation.

Without salvation we are spiritually dead. Spiritual death means no opportunity.

If we are to experience open doors and opportunities during our Christian life here on earth, it starts first with making the most of our open door to Christ.

We must learn to be obedient to keep Gods word, and to produce spiritual quality, search it, study it, and put it to practice in our lives. Receive the word, believe the word, love the word, obey the word, thank God for the word.

Psalms 119:105,.... your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path...

We live in a day of disbelief. A revival of a religious movement. Religious Christianity instead of spiritual Christianity.

It has become more acceptable, sophisticated and intellectual, but not spiritual. The church is not growing the way it should spiritually.

In order to grow spiritually, we must be faithful, and continue to generate truthfulness for the love of Gods word. This is the only thing that will motivate faithfulness to salvation.

We must spend time in his word. This is the way we claim it, show love for it, present it to others to believe in it.

Our open door is Christ and him crucified. Our opportunity is living for him, putting him first in our life, allowing the Holy Spirit to have total control in our life so the world can see the quality of Christ and his salvation through us.

Gods open door.

An opportunity for a Christian witness.

2 Corinthians 2: 12 – 14,....when I came....to preach Christ gospel....a door was opened to me by the Lord....

Doors are opened by God.

Revelation 3: 7,....these things he says, He who is Holy, He who is true....

Only God is Holy, his holiness is an attribute that distinguishes himself and his creation.

Gods word tells us that he is perfect in all that he is, there is nothing lacking with God, he is perfection, therefore everything he is, is true.

Therefore we must worship the Lord in Spirit and in truth.

John 4:24,....God is a spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and in truth....

Christ and the cross, for the believer, is a comforting truth. It is what motivates the unbeliever to repent and turn to him for salvation and eternal life.

Now the separation between us and God is gone, and separation between us and the world begins, and we begin to look for open doors.

Colossians 4: 2 – 4,....that there hearts may be encouraged, being knit together in love....

Finding the open door.

God provides us with an opportunity to tell others of his saving grace in Christ. We take the open door and walk through it.

Colossians 4: 2,.... Continue earnestly in prayer, being vigilant in it with thanksgiving....

An open door means an effective communication with God. This comes by the word of God, listening to the leadership of the Holy Spirit, through Christ to God.

God opening a door for us means we in return are opening the doors of salvation for him through preaching, teaching, witnessing for him.

Obedience to Gods word means:

Revelation 3:7,....he who opens and no one shuts, and shuts and no one opens....

Isaiah 22:22,....so he shall open, and no one will shut, and he shall shut, and no one shall open....

God is the only one that controls the doors.

Doors that he opens he wants us to enter. Doors he closes, he closes for our protection.

Study and pray continuously, allow the spirit to guide our lives.

Revelation 3: 8,....I know your works, see, I have set before you an open door....

He gives us strength, we keep his word, we do not deny his name, we have no reason to.

Gods open doors will never compromise or contradict his word.

Confirmation comes through his word.

Gods open door allows us to rely on him, by asking him to strengthen us. Gods open door will strengthen our life in Christ.

Matthew 7: 7 – 8,....ask, and it will be given to you, seek, and you will find, knock, and it will be open to you....

Our decision to except the opportunities that God provides without waiting, without hesitation, comes through Gods wisdom and guidance as we seek him with all our heart.

It starts with acceptance, It starts with salvation.

Revelation 3: 20 – 21,....behold I stand at the door and knock, if anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him....

The first open door is a mutual agreement between ourselves and Christ. It started with Christ, standing outside, knocking patiently, waiting to be welcomed and invited in. He promises to fellowship with those who open the door. We must remember, Christ is not unwilling to restore us to a better state, we just need to demonstrate our willingness to obey him.

Let us pray.

If anyone has any questions, comments or would just like to discuss any of the scriptures, feel free to call, text or email me. Keep praying for each other and all the God lays upon your heart. Hope to see everyone soon. God Bless.

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