

The *hearing* ear And the *seeing* eye,

The *Lord* has *made them* both.

- Proverbs 20:12

The elements of our worship, as prescribed by God's word, are as follows:

- **SINGING:** Ephesians 5:18,19; Colossians 3:16
- **PREACHING/TEACHING:** Acts 2:42; Eph. 4:11,12
- **PRAYING:** Acts 2:42; Acts 12:5
- **LORD'S SUPPER:** 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; Acts 20:7
- **GIVING:** 1 Corinthians 16:1,2; 2 Corinthians 9:6,7

COME WORSHIP WITH US!

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY...9:00
SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP.....10:00
SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP.....6:00
WEDNESDAY EVENING SERVICES.....7:00



- www.defendthegospel.com
- 1st Sunday Singing Night: 6 pm
- 5th Sunday Night: Guest Speaker
- Men's Business Meeting. 1st Sunday night of each month Following Services.



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"They...searched the scriptures daily..." –Acts 17:11

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WOMEN WEARING JEWELRY – SINFUL?

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I am sometimes asked if it is a sin for women to wear jewelry. The question is no doubt asked in regard to the words of Peter in 2 Peter 3:3-4 and Paul's words in 1 Timothy 2:9-10. And it's a good question.

2 Peter 3:3-4: *"Do not let your adornment be merely outward—arranging the hair, wearing gold, or putting on fine apparel—rather let it be the hidden person of the heart, with the incorruptible beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is very precious in the sight of God."*

1 Timothy 2:9-10: *"In like manner also, that the women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with propriety and moderation, not with braided hair or gold or pearls or costly clothing, but, which is proper for women professing godliness, with good works."*

First, the Holy Spirit is teaching the same lesson through both men. Women should be more concerned about their inner godliness than they are about their outward appearance. Both writers used a figure of speech in which the less important thing is forbidden for the purpose of emphasizing the more important thing. Jesus used the same figure of speech in John 6:27 when He said, *"Do not labor for the food which perishes, but for the food which endures to everlasting life."* Is it wrong to get a job in order to buy food for ourselves and our families to eat? Of course not (see 2 Thessalonians 3:10). Jesus was merely trying to emphasize the importance of spiritual food. John wrote, *"Let us not love in word or tongue, but in deed and in truth"* (1 John 3:18). Is it wrong for you to tell your brother you love him; or to say loving things to your brethren? Of course not. John was merely emphasizing that it shouldn't be left with ONLY words. We should demonstrate our love by helping our needy brethren.

That word "merely" in 2 Peter 3:3-4 sums it up. Don't let your adornment be "merely" outward. The inner, spiritual beauty is the most important thing. 🔍

THE SEVEN CHURCHES OF ASIA: PHILADELPHIA

David Eldridge

“And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write; These things saith he that is holy, he that is true, he that hath the key of David, he that openeth, and no man shutteth; and shutteth, and no man openeth; I know thy works: behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it: for thou hast a little strength, and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name. Behold, I will make them of the synagogue of Satan, which say they are Jews, and are not, but do lie; behold, I will make them to come and worship before thy feet, and to know that I have loved thee. Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth. Behold, I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown. Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, which is new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God: and I will write upon him my new name” (Rev. 3:7-12).

The church at Philadelphia is commended by the Lord as...

A Blessed Church: Jesus said, “See, I have set before you an open door, and no one can shut it” (Rev. 3:8). This door could have been a door of opportunity to teach others (cf. 2 Cor. 2:12). This could also be a door of fellowship with the Lord (cf. Rev. 3:20). This door would remain open as long as they were faithful unto the Lord (cf. Jn. 10:27-30). Let us ever strive to keep the door of fellowship with the Lord open.

A Diligent Church: Of the church at Philadelphia it is written, “I know your works...for you have a little strength, have kept My word, and have not denied My name” (Rev. 3:8). It is impressive that though they had “a little strength,” they had persevered. They had also kept the word of the Lord and not abandoned it as some of the other churches were chastised for doing. It is also noteworthy that even in the face of persecution (v. 9), they had not denied the name of Jesus, but had remained faithful to Him. In all these things, the diligence of the church at Philadelphia can be seen. May we ever have this effort and exhibit these qualities!

A Loved Church: Because of the way the brethren at Philadelphia had walked before the Lord, they were loved by Him. In fact, the liars of “the

synagogue of Satan” would be made to know that the Lord loved this church. We must always have the attitude that we will serve the Lord no matter what others may think or do. One day, by faithful service, all will be made to know that the Lord loves those who truly follow Him.

A Persevering Church: The church at Philadelphia had kept the Lord’s command to persevere (Rev. 3:10). We are need of perseverance. To the Corinthians it was written, “Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord” (1 Cor. 15:58). We also learn that those who persevere will be preserved by the Lord. Jesus said that because they had persevered they would be kept from the tribulation which was approaching. May we always remember that, “the Lord knows how to deliver the godly out of temptations...” (2 Peter 2:9). Let us persevere!

“He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches” (Rev. 2:7).—

DUTY LIST...

SUNDAY MORNING

- Announcements.....Michael Pickford
- Scripture Reading...Jeff Isbell
Reading: Proverbs 24:15-21
- Song Leader.....Kenny Todd
- Opening Prayer.....Kenny Johnson
- Lord’s Table:
 - Lead.....Michael Pickford
 - Serve.....Rusty Barnes
 - Serve.....John Nelson
- Closing Prayer.....Jason Hubbard

SUNDAY EVENING

- Song Leader.....Jeff Isbell
- Lord’s Table.....Michael Pickford

WEDNESDAY EVENING

- Song Leader.....Michael Pickford
- Invitation.....Kenny Todd

Thank You For Serving!

GOD’S PLAN OF SALVATION

There is only one true saving plan of Salvation outlined in Scripture. No substitutes will do. Have you really been saved? Get out your Bible and study the plan below.

- Hear The Gospel: Romans 10:17
- Believe: Mark 16:16; John 8:24
- Repent of Sin: Acts 2:38; 17:30
- Confess Faith: Romans 10:9, 10
- Be Baptized: Mark 16:16;
Acts 2:38; Acts 22:16; 1 Peter 3:21
- Remain Faithful: Rev. 2:10

Obey Today!

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Available Upon Request!***