

HOW TO PLEASE GOD

Revelation 3:7-13

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There are 3 things that we must do, individually and as a church, to please God:

1. REALIZE THE PURPOSE OF GOD

"And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write: 'The words of the holy one, the true one, who has the key of David, who opens and no one will shut, who shuts and no one opens.'" Rev. 3:7

...Living out God's PURPOSE comes from KNOWING Him:

- A. His PURITY ... motivates us to WORSHIP ! (vs. 7a)
- B. His REALITY ... motivates us to WITNESS ! (vs. 7b)
- C. His AUTHORITY ... motivates us to WORK ! (vs. 7c)

2. RELY ON THE POWER OF GOD

"I know your works. Behold, I have set before you an open door, which no one is able to shut. I know that you have but little power, and yet you have kept my word and have not denied my name." Rev. 3:8

...Move beyond knowing God's purpose to relying on God's power by being:

- A. Dedicated to the WILL of God! (vs. 8a)
- B. Activated by the SPIRIT of God! (vs. 8b)
- C. Motivated by the WORD of God! (vs. 8c)
- D. Obligated to the SON of God! (vs. 8d)

3. RECEIVE THE PROMISE OF GOD

"Behold, I will make those of the synagogue of Satan who say that they are Jews and are not, but lie—behold, I will make them come and bow down before your feet, and they will learn that I have loved you. Because you have kept my word about patient endurance, I will keep you from the hour of trial that is coming on the whole world, to try those who dwell on the earth. I am coming soon. Hold fast what you have, so that no one may seize your crown. The one who conquers, I will make him a pillar in the temple of my God. Never shall he go out of it, and I will write on him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, the new Jerusalem, which comes down from my God out of heaven, and my own new name." Rev. 3:9-12

E. PRIVILEGE (vs. 12b)

3. The PRIVILEGE of FELLOWSHIP !

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