



5784/2024 the Year of the Open Door - How to take Advantage of The Open-Door Pt. 5

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Revelation 3:7-9 "And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write, 'These things says He who is holy, He who is true, 'He who has the key of David, He who opens and no one shuts, and shuts and no one opens': 8 "I know your works. See, I have set before you an open door, and no one can shut it; for you have a little strength, have kept My word, and have not denied My name.

Let's continue to look at the year of the Open Door 5784

The Number 84

80 –Pey in Hebrew- which means it is the decade of the voice, words, decrees, mouth.

4 - Dalet in Hebrew is pictured as a tent door.

Doors in biblical symbolism are used to identify portals, openings, admittance points that allows what is in one realm or level to access what is in another realm or level.

The door now stands open and Jesus says no one can shut it.

The greatest and most effective open door is the door that gives us the opportunity to hear the gospel of Jesus Christ.

The second greatest and most effective door is the opportunity to share the glorious gospel of the Kingdom of God. The gospel that Jesus Christ saves and offers (Zoe) the abundant life.

The Ability to hear and understand God's Word is a gift from God.

When the Word of God goes into an open receptive heart it produces faith.

Faith is the main resource of the born-again believer's life. The more Word we here, the more substance (*which is faith*) we have to live an abundant life.

Jesus Christ is the door of salvation. *No one can get to the Father without going through the door which is Jesus Christ.*

John 10:9 I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture. Through the door of Jesus Christ, you will find what you need and your heart's desire. *We need not look any further.*



But once we get into Christ, there are many other doors that Jesus Christ will open and set us before.

1. These doors lead to opportunities to offer salvation to others.
2. Opportunities to help enhance the lives of others. *Providing physical resources, wisdom, setting a good example on how to live a Christian abundant life.*
3. As well as doors that lead to opportunities for us to live life more abundantly.

Open Doors to receive and share the Gospel.

The first kingdom door that opened for us was when we got saved. **Colossians 1:13 (Amplified Version) [The Father] has delivered and drawn us to Himself out of the control and the dominion of darkness** (this whole world is under the control of darkness, satan's rule)

From entertainment, to politics, to the educational system and even identifying with oneself, it's all under the sway of satan's rule.

And because this whole world is getting more and more under the rule and the sway of satan, it behooves us not to go along with the masses all of the time.

1 John 5:19-20 We know that we are of God, and the whole world lies under the sway of the wicked one.

The enemy will try to sway what we believe by bombarding us with ungodly opinions, ideologies, thoughts that lead to compromise and half trues, to keep the church in darkness and away from the light which is truth.

The enemy has to get us to lower our standards so he can have his way.

Judgment begins with us.

1 Peter 4:17 & 19 For the time has come for judgment, and it must begin with God's household. And if judgment begins with us, what terrible fate awaits those who have never obeyed God's Good News? ...

In chapter 4 Peter is encouraging, "the church" the house of God, who will face persecution, to persevere.

As believers we will struggle at times to separate from the former worldly sins that had once enslaved us. Peter reminds us that the wicked will face God's judgment but as believers in Christ we must hold ourselves to a higher standard than they do.

It may not always feel good, but it will always be good if it is from the Lord.

19 So if you are suffering in a manner that pleases God, keep on doing what is right, and trust your lives to the God who created you, for he will never fail you. If we keep our standards high, if we keep from compromising, God will make sure that we are rewarded for it.



We must understand, through every open door there will be also challenges, maybe persecution, and maybe temptation, but we have to keep on fighting the good fight of faith and hold up the standard of the Word of God so we can get the reward that comes from obeying the Word of God.

The more we, the church (born-again believers) lower our standards and morals, the more room we give to Satan to exercise his rule and power in the earth and over our lives.

The church (born-again believers) are the ones that holds back darkness, the evil of this world and the anti-christ from taking over.

2 Thessalonians 2:6-8 (NLT) And you know what is holding him back, (the anti-christ) for he can be revealed only when his time comes. 7 For this lawlessness is already at work secretly, and it will remain secret until the one who is holding it back steps out of the way. 8 Then the man of lawlessness will be revealed, but the Lord Jesus will kill him with the breath of his mouth and destroy him by the splendor of his coming.

Ephesians 2:1-2 And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins, (we were born this way) 2 in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air,

In this day and time, one of satan's main weapons is the airways. (television, Internet and social media).

the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience. (the unsaved of this world and demonic spirits of rebellion)

There are other demonic spirits that will draw people to other Gods. That is why there is so many other Gods in the world because they are drawn by demonic influence.

One of the major Gods of the western world is the worship of the universe. *We hear it all the time when people say how "the universe has blessed them", or "the universe is watching over them", or "whatever is going to happen will happen it up the universe".*

Never thank or look for anything from the universe.

The universe is not worthy of praise or to ask it for anything. It is a created thing.

This idea of worshiping the universe is being pushed hard, especially in the entertainment and sports industries.

This is why the culture of this world is getting more and more perverted.

Romans 1:24-26 (NLT) So God abandoned them to do whatever shameful things their hearts desired. As a result, they did vile and degrading things with each other's bodies. 25 They traded the truth about God for a lie. So they worshiped and served the things God created instead of the Creator himself, who is worthy of eternal praise! Amen.