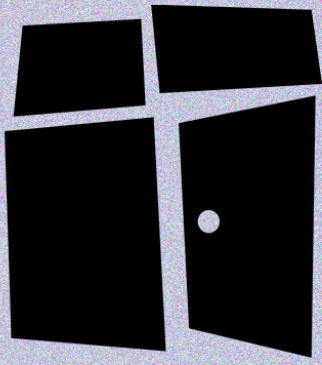




WELCOME TO CHURCH OF THE OPEN DOOR

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

August 23, 2026



The
Open Door
Center

300 4th Street, Elyria
TheOpenDoorCenter.com

Open House!

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30 | 1–3PM

Meet the staff • Take a tour • Enjoy refreshments

We are excited to announce that The Open Door Counseling & Community Center will officially open September 1st!

We want to **invite you**, our church family to have the opportunity to stop in from 1–3pm Sunday, August 30.



GROUPS ARE STARTING!

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| • MomCo | Sept. 10 | at Elyria |
| • The Cohort | Sept. 14 | at Elyria |
| • Divorce Care | Sept. 20 | at The Center |
| • GriefShare | Sept. 21 | at The Center |

+ Plus other groups at each campus, including various Bible studies for women and men.

For more information on these and more groups and events, visit: **OPENDOOR.TV/EVENTS**



The State of Theology
GROUP SURVEY

STATE OF THEOLOGY SURVEY

Thank you to many of you who have taken the survey. It has been a blessing to receive so many responses!

The survey is still available to take if you have not done so. Our desire is to see where we have opportunities for greater teaching, discipleship and spiritual growth for you!

We'd love for you to participate! To take the survey:

→ opendoor.tv/survey → or, text 'SURVEY26' to 440.323.4644

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440.323.4644

to call, text, & register for events!

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THE MIND OF CHRIST

SERMON NOTES | AUGUST 23, 2026

Same Christ, Different Hearts

PHILIPPIANS 1:15–18a

Three Observations from the Text

Paul's imprisonment did not silence the gospel; it multiplied the witnesses. Yet more preaching did not mean pure motives in every preacher: Christ was being proclaimed, but not from the same heart.

1. Paul begins with the _____

- two groups proclaiming the same Christ for very different reasons. (v. 15)

2. Paul then exposes the _____

- love and goodwill in one group; envy, strife, and selfish ambition in the other. (vv. 16–17)

3. Paul closes with the _____

- Christ is proclaimed, and in this Paul rejoices. (v. 18a)

The Big Idea

Christ being _____ always gives us reason to _____

— even when those who proclaim Him give us reason for _____ .

Therefore, rejoice whenever Christ is proclaimed.