

# THE CHURCH AT PHILADELPHIA

*Revelation 3: 7-13*

*The Preaching Church*



The remains of the Byzantine Church that would have been the meeting place of the church at Philadelphia. The city is now, as you can determine in the picture, mostly Moslem.

Philadelphia is a combination word from the Greek. “Adelphikes” Αδελφικής “agapos” αγάπης is translated “brotherly love.” Thus the name of the city means the city or the place of brotherly love.

## I. THE PLACE

Philadelphia is twenty-eight miles south east of Sardis. It is actually not a very ancient city. It was actually founded by Attalus II in 140 BC. In the grand scheme of things, this is a fairly young city for that part of the world.

Attalus, the founder of the city was called *Philadelphos*. It was after him that the city was named.