

Jesus Said ... "Behold, I stand at the door, and knock..." Revelation 3:20

Is someone knocking at your door? Listen carefully. I don't mean the door of your home,

but at the door of your life.

22, Jesus is speaking to the Apostle John in a vision about Laodicea, a church whose members were not growing in their Christian lives as they should. Jesus was very displeased with these people. But, even though He was unhappy, He still had pity on them. In mercy Jesus said, "Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to Him, and will sup [eat supper] with him, and he with me" (Revelation 3:20).

Isn't it interesting to note that Jesus is knocking on the door of a church? Why is He doing this? Why is He on the outside of this particular church? Let's examine what the Scripture states about the condition in this church and why Jesus is knocking and asking for admittance.

In Revelation 3:15-17, Jesus said, "I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot. So then because

[eat supper] with him, and he with me. To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne."

What an amazing truth this is! Jesus comes to the heart and asks to come in. When we let Him in, we have sweet spiritual communion with Him, and if we follow His teachings in the Bible, He will take us at the end of life to be forever with Him and our Father God. This is the actual meaning of "eternal life"—to be with Him always, away from sin forever. David wrote of this in Psalm 23:6, "Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever."

If you realize that you are not in a right relationship with God and would like to contact a friend who can help you, call the person whose name appears below.

"If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. . . . For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved" (Romans 10: 8, 10, 13).

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Jesus knocks and calls, not only at the door of churches, but at the door of every individual heart. He wants everyone to love Him and trust in Him and allow Him to be their Saviour and Lord. He said, "Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. Let your loins [body] be girded [dressed] about, and your lights burning; and ye yourselves like unto men that wait for their Lord, when He will return from the wedding; that when He cometh and knocketh, they may open unto Him immediately" (Luke 12:34-36).

Did you notice that Jesus in His message to the church at Laodicea said, "If any man [individual] . . . open the door, I will come in"? If you are not a Christian, Jesus is knocking and calling at your door. Do the words that picture the church at Laodicea reveal your own present need? When you think of Jesus on the outside of your life, do you feel wretched, miserable, poor, blind and naked? If you are not saved, you should feel this way and then permit Jesus to come in.

You may feel this same way if you are a weak Christian or if you have backslidden in your relationship with God. You are so special to Jesus; He wants you to be happy and live in abundant victory over the devil and this world system. The Apostle John wrote, "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9).

What does Jesus offer to those who open the door and let Him in? He said in John 14, "He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me; and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest [show] myself to him. . . . If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come to him, and make our abode [home] with him" (John 14:21, 23).

Check the last part of Revelation 3:20 and then verse 21, "I will come in to him, and will sup