

WHO AT THE DOOR IS STANDING?

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INTRODUCTION:

A. Read Text: Revelation 3:20-22.

B. Regarding the text:

1. Christ is standing at a door, knocking for admittance.
2. This is present tense: "I stand at the door."
 - 1) Not "I am going to stand" or "I was standing."
 - 2) His desire is to enter in but they would not open the door!
3. He is calling out (**Hebrews 3:7-9**). Knocking at the door of our hearts!

I. JESUS WANTS TO COME IN.

A. Revelation 3:20: He is no intruder! Men must open the door (Acts 2:41; Matthew 23:37).

B. Why won't men open the door?

1. Some say they do not need Him. He is our greatest need (**John 15:4-5; 2 Corinthians 3:4-5**).
2. Some are like the rich young ruler (**Matthew 19:16-22; 1 Timothy 6:6-10**).
3. Some are like Pontius Pilate. He tried to be neutral (**Luke 23:13-25; Matthew 27:19-24**).
4. Some are like Peter when he denied knowing the Lord (**John 13:36-38; Matthew 26:69-75**).
5. Some like Felix put off opening the door (**Acts 24:25**).

II. THE REWARD FOR OPENING THE DOOR IS WONDERFUL.

A. Jesus desires to enter in (Revelation 3:20).

1. We must be ready when He knocks (**Luke 12:35-38**).
2. **1 Thessalonians 5:1-6**.

B. He knocks on the door of our heart.

1. The knocking comes from the word of the gospel (**Acts 2:37**).
2. We are called through the gospel (**2 Thessalonians 2:14**).

C. By opening the door, we are flooded by many wonderful blessings.

1. Sins are washed away as we obey the gospel (**Acts 22:16; 1 Peter 3:21**).
2. One becomes a member of the church (**Acts 2:47; Colossians 1:13**).
3. The faithful can look forward to the coming of the Lord (**1 Thessalonians 4:13-18**).

III. THERE WILL COME A TIME THAT THE DOOR WILL NOT OPEN FOR MANKIND.

A. Like the "foolish virgins" who were not prepared for His coming (Matthew 25:1-13).

B. We cannot know when He will return (Matthew 24:36; 2 Peter 3:10).

C. Heaven is the home prepared for those who are prepared.

IV. CONCLUSION:

A. Jesus is knocking today. Tomorrow there may be no door.

B. We open the door by obeying the gospel.

C. Also, after obeying the gospel, from time to time we need to repent.