

Open The Door

Ponder: What if God knocked on your door?

Scripture: "Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me" (Rev. 3:20, NKJV).

In a previous devotional I contemplated receiving a phone call from God. Let's look today at the same basic point from a different perspective.

In polite society you don't just barge into someone else's residence. Doing so indicates you're up to no good; it might even get you shot! Common courtesy requires that you knock on the door and then wait for someone to open it and invite you to come inside.

The lukewarm Laodicean church had virtually expelled Jesus from their lives. Their smug, self-satisfied trust in their material wealth made it obvious that they saw no particular need for the Lord. Their colossal arrogance numbed them to the sad fact that they were "wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked" (Rev. 3:17).

Their attitude nauseated Jesus! Nevertheless, He loved them and wanted them to repent and be restored. However, He didn't force His way into their hearts. He stood at the door, as it were, and knocked. The Laodiceans could either answer His knock and let Him in or ignore Him. The choice was theirs. This is but one of many places in Scripture that refutes the doctrine of "irresistible grace."

What if Jesus knocked on your door? Would you open the door and invite Him inside? Or would you ignore the knocking until He finally went away? We're referring, of course, to the door of your heart, not of your physical residence. The Lord actually does knock at the door of our heart through His word. We have the same choice the Laodiceans had. We also have the same promise – if we open the door, He will come in and dine with us (eating together indicates fellowship).

Knocks at the door are a lot like phone calls; more often than not, it's some pesky salesman offering something I neither need nor want. But when Jesus knocks on the door of our heart, let's be sure to open the door and invite Him inside!

Hymn: "Who At The Door Is Standing?"

Prayer: Father, help us to hear when Jesus knocks, and to open the door of our heart to let Him in. In His name, Amen.