



When Jesus Is At The Door

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There was a group of Christians in Laodicea who were not following Jesus as they should have been. Rather than being fully devoted to His service, they were described as being lukewarm (see Revelation 3:14-22). After Jesus condemned their condition, He said, “As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten. Therefore be zealous and repent. 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” (verses 19-20).

Today, Jesus is standing at the door of the hearts of men and women around this world. And, if you have not let Him into your heart, He is standing at your door – right now. And, He is knocking. He will not force His way into people’s hearts. He will not manipulate His way into people’s hearts. Instead, He has simply made Himself available to each and every person in this world. He offers to bless every person who lets Him have full control over their hearts and lives. But, He waits for an invitation to come in. So, when Jesus is at the door, what will you do?

1) Some don’t know He is there. There are many people in this world who have been so blinded by other things that they simply do not see the true Savior who wants to bless them. Instead, some do not believe in God, do not believe that Jesus is really the Son of God, or are just so consumed with their own earthly lives that they cannot hear past the noises of their busy lives to hear Jesus knocking.

2) Some ignore Him. There are some people in this world who know about God and Jesus Christ as His Son, but they have no interest in listening to Him. Some think that they have no need of what Jesus Christ is offering them. Some think that they are sufficient of themselves. Some are afraid of the condition their “houses” are in. Some are unwilling to make the kinds of changes Jesus will want them to make. So, they ignore Jesus knocking at their doors.

3) Some are too busy. Many people in this world have good intentions of letting Jesus in. Perhaps they have learned about Jesus and what He has to offer them, but every time they go to answer the door, something else comes up. “When things settle down and I can really take time

and focus, I will let Jesus in,” many people are heard to say. Many people are so busy with their jobs, their families, the upkeep of their houses, property, and possessions, their hobbies and recreational activities, and so many other things, that they never get around to letting Jesus in.

4) Some only let Him in the “front room.” There are some people who have cracked the door just wide enough for Jesus that they can claim to have let Him in. But, in reality, they have only given Him access to the entry room of their house – and never allow Him beyond there. Perhaps they have this room all prepared for Him, while the rest of the house is a mess they do not want Jesus to see. However, when Jesus knocks at the door of your heart, He wants full access to your life.

5) Some let Him in completely. There a few people who will recognize who Jesus really is and what He has to offer – and open the door wide for Him. These people drop whatever they are doing in order to answer Jesus’ offer of eternal salvation. They want to give Him access to every part of their hearts and their lives so that He can cleanse them and make them acceptable to God.

What about you? When Jesus is standing at the door of your heart and knocks, how will you respond? If you want to be saved, you must let Him in and give Him full access to take control of and cleanse your life – before it’s too late! For, one day, your life will end and the knocking will stop.

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