

The Door

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“Behold, I stand at the door and knock,” Jesus said—an ever present reminder of His promise to draw all men unto Himself. Note well that the Bible nowhere teaches that the doors to some hearts are locked while the doors to the hearts of others are open, for we were all alike: born into sin—alien to God and His Kingdom. God, in His infinite love and mercy comes to us and knocks on *our* door. Were that not so, Rev 3:20 would have read, “If you hear a knock at the door, it’s not I. If the Father chooses you, specifically, I will be given the key and will enter.” No. Rather, Jesus said, **“if any man hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to him and sup with him and he with me.”** It has been suggested that the door latch is on the inside. Rev 3:20 is but one of scores of Bible texts that expresses the love and compassion of the Savior to all who are lost. Although it is true that many will turn away, the decision is ours. God, however, is faithful. He will knock.

Have you realized yet that we don’t *get* anybody saved? In fulfilling the Lord’s great commission (Matt 28), Christians obediently “teach” whatsoever He commanded. We know that some seed falls upon rock, etc., but we must continue to sow the seed. God did not call us to be “examiners of soil.” as that would be judging. (There is a place for judging—but that’s of those *inside* the church.)

We call the sowing of the Word, “evangelism” from the Greek word **ευαγγελιον** meaning Gospel or Good News. We are challenged to bring the Good News of the Kingdom of God to a lost and dying world as did the apostles in Paul’s day, but the transforming work needed for true repentance and salvation belongs to the Holy Spirit. Because some in the Church erroneously claim that the die is cast at birth as to one’s calling into the Kingdom (predestination?), many Christians have been swayed from evangelism thinking “it’s all up to God, anyway.” But part of the mystery of the Church is that God, who could have continued to use angels to spread the Good News as He did in Bethlehem, has chosen us, His redeemed children—co-heirs with Christ, to do this work. A door is a reminder of God’s faithfulness to His Word in that the knock will come to every door. May our efforts encourage every heart to open that door.