

## *Pastor's Ponderings*

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### ***“Knock-Knock! Who’s There?”***

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*<sup>19</sup> “I am the one who corrects and disciplines everyone I love. Be diligent and turn from your indifference.*

*<sup>20</sup> “Look! Here I stand at the door and knock. If you hear me calling and open the door, I will come in, and we will share a meal as friends. <sup>21</sup>I will invite everyone who is victorious to sit with me on my throne, just as I was victorious and sat with my Father on his throne. <sup>22</sup>Anyone who is willing to hear should listen to the Spirit and understand what the Spirit is saying to the churches.”*

*<sup>4:1</sup> Then as I looked, I saw a door standing open in heaven, and the same voice I had heard before spoke to me with the sound of a mighty trumpet blast. The voice said, “Come up here, and I will show you what must happen after these things.”*

(Revelation 3:19 – 4:1 NLT)

I’m sure you’ve played “Knock-knock” jokes countless times. I love Knock-knock jokes, but I’m terrible at them because I always forget how they go. And if I remember the knock-knock part and the “who’s there?” part, I usually forget the answer to the “\_\_\_\_\_who?” part.

In the scriptures above we see two doors. The first door is in Revelation 3:20 and the second one is in Revelation 4:1. We see Jesus standing at the door and knocking in Revelation 3:20, but Jesus doesn’t tell us exactly what door He is knocking on. Is He knocking on the door of your heart? Maybe, but the context of the previous section of scripture is about the Church. Is it possible, that Jesus could knock on the door of the Church and no one would open the door because no one recognized His voice? That doesn’t really seem to be the answer either.

Jesus is talking to a Church which has grown lukewarm. This church had apparently just been going through the motions. Could we be guilty of the same thing? Are we just going through the motions? Have we forgotten why the Church is here? The people of that Church just weren’t very enthusiastic about their mission. They had forgotten or maybe didn’t care what Jesus had done for them. Could this be said of us?

In order to remind this Church who Jesus is and what He has done for them, He gives the Apostle John a vision of that second door. There is no question as to where this door leads. It goes straight into the throne room in heaven. The verses immediately following these describe the throne room. What a glorious description we get.

But here is the real difference between these two doors. ***One is shut tight and the other is wide open.*** The first door is a door in which we as individuals or as the church have control over. Jesus can only knock at this door. Like the knock-knock joke, we ask who’s there? Some of us, when we find out it is Jesus, refuse to open the door.

The second door however, is standing wide open. We do not have to knock on the door in heaven to get in. Jesus is reminding us, that as members of His Church, the door is always open. We gained access when we placed our faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.

Have you placed your faith in Jesus Christ? Do you believe with your heart that God raised Him from the dead? Have you confessed with your mouth that “Jesus is Lord?” If you have, then the door to heaven and the throne room is wide open for you. If you haven’t, then maybe you should open the door that you are refusing to open and let Jesus in. Do you hear Him knocking? He’s waiting for you to respond. He longs for a real relationship with you. He doesn’t want you to grow weary just “going through the motions.” If you hear Him, why not throw the door of your heart open wide, and let Him come in today? You’re life and the Church will never be the same again!