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Revelation 3:20, “Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.”

The above verse paints a very vivid image. Many actual paintings have been made from this verse. Jesus is at the door and knocking. Note that Jesus did not say He will stand or has stood. It is present tense. He is now standing at the door and knocking.

I’m sure we all have had people come to the door of our house and knock. Then, for whatever reason, we don’t go to the door and open it. The knocking will persist for a bit, but after a little time the person knocking will turn and go away. They leave because no one answered the door.

We have two things we need to do when Jesus knocks. We first of all have to hear His voice. Many have heard, and are hearing the voice of Jesus now by their reading, attendance, etc. But hearing Jesus is not enough.

Not only is it not enough to hear, we have to open the door. Just as

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we would not expect a visitor at the door of our house to open the door on their own and come on in uninvited, Jesus will not come into us unless we open the door for Him.

If we don’t open the door, He will leave. The knocking will not continue endlessly. There will be opportunities to open the door to Jesus, but with time they will cease.

The door is a metaphor for what stands between us and Jesus. That needs to be removed by opening the door.

What happens if we do indeed open the door when Jesus is knocking? He first of all will come into us. There is no wondering if Jesus will come into us when we open the door. He will. We open this door by obeying the LORD by the steps of our belief, repentance, and confession leading up to baptism. Baptism then washes away our sins and at that point we have let Jesus in.

Jesus will then sup with us and we with Him. This indicates having a meal together. To have someone in our homes and eat with them is a close communion. A guest might eat and then leave. Family does not.

There is no mention of Jesus ever leaving or the closing of the door. Jesus has this close communion with us eternally. The only way Jesus will leave is if we ask Him to by our becoming unfaithful.

The next time we see a door is three verses later in Revelation 4:1. John saw a door opened in Heaven. This door did not have to be opened. It was already open. Part of the imagery here could easily represent that once we open the door to Jesus, it then makes the door into Heaven always open for us.

It was not a window John saw. It was a door. This permits entrance. We will be granted entrance through this door if we open the door to Jesus now and let Him always sup with us.

—Marty Edwards❖

News

—Continue to remember **Alice Vanderstoep, Steve Seaton, Brad Terry, Enola Zigler, Shirley Edwards, Clay Bozarth, Jean Coffey, Ken & Erin Davis, Sandy Duncan, Becky Hatcher, Joanna Locke & Richard Connolly.**

—The first Sunday of September 2021 makes 29 years that Ruby and I have been with the Munfordville congregation.

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Psalm 119:105, “*Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.*”

We are now in September and the days are getting much shorter. The morning light comes later and darkness comes much earlier. This will continue until the shortest day of the year. At some latitudes the days become so short that there is very little to no light during the day.

We live in times where sin is all around us. It always has been, but Paul wrote in II Timothy 3:13, “*But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived.*” People will become worse as time moves on. Not only are they worse, but with mass media and instant communication, we see the works of darkness instantly and all about us.

Just as we need to use lights for a longer portion of the day as winter approaches, we need to burn spiritual lights more and more to shine in the darkness that is becoming more prevalent.

Times are dark indeed, but we have a light to guide us through these dark times. As the Psalmist wrote, the word of God is a lamp unto our feet and a light for our path.

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Sunday, August 29, 2021		
Classes	6	Matthew 5:42-48
Preaching	11	Job 1-2; 42
Contribution	\$720.00	
Evening	3	Genesis 4:1-26
Wednesday, September 1, 2021		
Classes	7	Psalms 70-71

Bible Quiz

Abel was a keeper of what?

Last Week’s Answer— A flaming sword to keep the way of the tree of life. (Genesis 3:24)

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Just as walking in darkness will cause us to fall if we do not use a light, we will fall spiritually if we fail to use the light of the Gospel. It will guide us through the darkest paths and the darkest of times. It will guide us to Heaven where God and the Lamb are the light.

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—God’s Plan of Salvation—

1. Hear the Gospel (Romans 10:14)
2. Believe on the Lord and His Word (Mark 16:16; John 8:24)
3. Repent of your sins (Luke 13:3,5; Acts 17:30)
4. Confess Christ (Matthew 10:32,33; Luke 12:8; Romans 10:9)
5. Be baptized (immersed in water) for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16; Galatians 3:27; I Peter 3:21)
6. Live a faithful, dedicated life (Revelation 2:10; II Peter 1:5-10)