Sunday Session 2 Bible Study – October 19, 2014 "Who Opens the Door?" – (Revelation 3:20)

Note <u>Revelation 3:20</u> – "Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will enter to him and I will dine with him, and he with Me." (<u>Listen to Sermon Audio</u>)

EAN – If, 3rd class condition (maybe it is true, maybe it is not).

EIDOU - Behold - Aorist Active Imperative, 2nd p.s. of EIDOU, meaning behold, refocus, pay attention.

ISTEMI – Stand – Perfect active indicative, 1^{st} p.s., meaning I keep standing; perfect tense takes place in the past with continuing results.

The Lord is *extremely concerned* when we are out of fellowship with Him: "I stand up to the door, with the result that I keep on standing" (*This is the soul-door of the low-road believer*).

AKOUO - Hears - Aorist Active Subjunctive - potential of hearing

ISELCHOME – *I Will Enter* – Future Middle Indicative; the middle voice means we will be profoundly benefited by Christ ENTERING; The indicative is the mood of reality.

ANOIZE - Opens - Aorist Active Subjunctive - potential of opening

PROS – Face-to-Face; if we choose the potentials of *hearing* and *opening*, we will be profoundly blessed by the face-to-face fellowship with our Lord Jesus Christ.

DOOR OF THE BELIEVER'S SOUL

- 1. Jesus Christ is vividly presented here as being outside the door of the soul not lost, BUT not in fellowship.
- 2. A believer can not be under the control of the sinful nature and the Lord Jesus Christ at the same time.
- 3. The out-of-fellowship believer is presented in Revelation 3:18.
- 4. The discipline for this condition is presented in Revelation 3:19.
- 5. Now, this verse tells us that Jesus Christ would rather be *in control on the inside* than *knocking* on the outside.
- 6. The door indicates the choice (volition) of the soul of the believer.
- 7. The door, you will note, is closed. WHY? Negative decisions are the reason!
- 8. This believer has been deciding against the intake of spiritual food, under control of the OSN (sinful nature), and not under control of the Lord Jesus Christ.

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Note again Revelation 3:20 – "Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will enter to him and I will dine with him, and he with Me."

Now look at verse 3:21 – "He who overcomes, I will grant to him to sit down with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne."

This depicts the incredible benefit He reserves for the believers who choose to stay face-to-face with Him in fellowship. The middle voice tells us we will be benefited, and verse 21 tells us how... the Throne of Our Lord!

This word *throne* is used over and over in the Book of Revelation, in all but 5 of the 22 chapters (not used in chapters 9, 10, 15, 17, and 18).