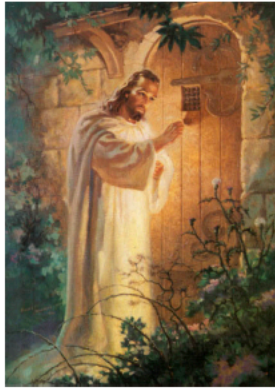


3:16 - Knock, Knock

Proverbs 3:11-12 ❖ Revelation 3:16



Who's There?

I was the _____ pastor of a small Presbyterian Church while I was going to Mississippi State University. The members of that congregation _____ me and _____ me much about ministry.

One Spring, the elders asked me to preach a three-night _____. Just before the first service was about to start, one of the elders said, "Don't forget to open the _____ of the church." I didn't ask ____; I opened the two front _____. When the service was over, she told me _____ that she meant for me to be sure to issue an _____ for people to _____ the Church. The next two nights and ever since, I have tried to remember her _____ counsel.

Warner Sallman's 1942 painting of _____ preparing to _____ on an overgrown and long-_____ door, which has no _____ and can therefore be opened only from the _____ is famous.

I liked looking at that painting in one of my grandfather's _____.

The painting is the artist's _____ rendering of Revelation 3:20 - "_____ I am! I _____ at the door and _____. If anyone _____ My voice and _____ the door, I will _____ in and _____ with him, and he with Me."

Though the "door" has often been interpreted as a human _____, the context makes it clear it is the "door" of a _____ church.

Both the verse and the painting beg the _____ - Why would _____, of all people, choose to seek admission into _____ church?!

Revelation 3:16

"So, because you are _____ - neither hot nor cold - I am _____ to _____ you out of My mouth" (Revelation 3:16).

What was going on in the church in Laodicea that caused the Lord to _____ them so harshly?

Like the church in ancient Laodicea, has the Church in Memphis gotten _____?

"Those whom I _____ I _____ and _____" (Revelation 3:19a and Proverbs 3:12a). "So be _____ and _____" (Revelation 3:19b).

In what areas might Jesus be calling HHPC to _____ herself and _____?

At HHPC, both _____ and _____ must be taught!

Jesus warns that, when a church is not on _____ for the Lord, He will _____ that church out of His mouth ... but not before He gives her another _____ to _____ Him back in.

Takeaway

Today Jesus continues to stand _____ the door of the Church, _____ to be let in, not _____ it open or _____ it in.

Knock, _____.

Who's _____?

_____.

Jesus _____?

Jesus, the Lord of the _____.

More and more, may our congregation "_____ His voice and open the door," for Jesus has promised to "_____ in and _____ with us and us with Him" (Revelation 3:20).

