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Jesus speaks to the Christians at the Church at Laodicea in Revelation 3:20 and said, "Behold, I stand at the door (of your heart), and knock. If any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup (dine) with him, and he with me."

I memorized this verse 55 years ago as a scripture to lead lost souls to salvation. Revelation 3:20 was a common usage back then for witnessing. While it is still effective in soul winning, the truth of the matter, I believe that this verse was actually written to believing Christians who had become lukewarm in their relationship to Jesus. They had cooled off in their relationship with God. They were neither hot nor cold.

Jesus desired to rekindle the relationship with them. He is saying, "I am here at the door of your heart (your spirit). Let me into your innermost being so we can have fellowship together."

I see these as believers who had also lost their first love for the Lord like many of the church at Ephesus had. (Rev.2:4.) Jesus is inviting them to renew their love and commitment of faith. He invites them into the "secret place of the Most High" (Psalm 91:1), the place of intimacy.

That call to believers is more important today than ever before. We need to dwell (continually live) in His close presence in order to survive the soon coming hardship across our nation and the world.

God is our shelter, our refuge of safety, and our fortress. Without the protection of intimacy with Him, how will we survive? Draw close to Him and always stay close to Him.