

The Door



Wouldn't it be wonderful if there were a door to Heaven that we could open at will? This door could eliminate all of our troubles and sorrows by simply allowing us to unbolt it and enter God's domain. Actually, "the door" is at our fingertips and within our reach. Jesus said, "*Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if any one hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me.*" (Revelation 3:20 RSV.) Jesus added, "*He who conquers, I will grant him to sit with me on my throne, as I myself conquered and sat down with my Father on his throne.*" (Revelation 3:21 RSV.)

Jesus is the doorway to heaven. We cannot enter as we are. We are sinners with sinful, mortal bodies. We must be changed before we can cross the threshold to Heaven. The apostle Paul tells us, "*For this perishable nature must put on the imperishable, and this mortal nature must put on immortality. When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written: 'Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is thy victory? O death, where is thy sting?' The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.*" (1 Corinthians 15:53-57 RSV.)

The aged door in the picture above was once a beautiful entrance to my Mother's childhood home. It is testimony to the fact that in the beginning, God wound-up His creation, which is now winding down. By three steps one could enter Mom's home, and by three steps one can enter Heaven:

1. Confess your sins. *If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.* (1 John 1:9 KJV.)
2. Believe in Christ. *Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.* (Acts 16:31b KJV.)
3. Ask Jesus into your Heart. *But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:* (John 1:12 KJV.)

Jesus can and will save you from your sins, and make a place for you in Heaven: *In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And when I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also.* (John 14:2-3 RSV.)

If you would like to enter the door to Heaven, pray, "*Dear Father in Heaven, I know I am a sinner and have sinned against you. I am sorry for my sins and sinful nature, and ask that you will forgive me. I accept Jesus now as my Savior, who shed His blood for me. I give my life to you and will strive to live for you. Thank you, LORD, for saving my soul. In Jesus name I pray, Amen.*"

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