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No Door Handle?

Have you seen Holman Hunt's picture of Jesus Christ entitled "Behold I Stand at the Door?" It depicts Christ standing at a door with His right hand upon the knocker. At His feet, weeds have grown long, a tell-tale sign that the door had not been opened in a long time. There He stands patiently awaiting a response. A lantern in His left hand casts a flickering light upon the weeds at the door and reveals the nail-prints in His pierced hands.

When the original was first exhibited in London, critics said that Hunt had made one omission. On the door there is a knocker; but there is **no outside handle**. Hunt replied, "**This door opens only from the inside.**" It is **the door of man's heart**. Hunt's picture portrays the Scripture verse in Rev. 3:20 where Jesus said, "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." In this verse, we see that Jesus, the very Son of God, wants to fellowship with you. Yes, with you! Jesus gave this invitation to "**any man.**" It is given **to all** – it is given **to you!** If you will **respond to Him** and **open the door of your heart** today, **Jesus will come into your life!** Push aside the distractions of the world that would keep you from answering His knock. **Throw the door of your heart wide open** that Christ might enter! The Bible says, "He (Jesus) came unto his own (the Jews), and his own received him not. **But as many as received him**, to them gave he power to become the sons of God" (John 1:11-12). Jesus stands at the door of your heart now – knocking. Will you respond to Him **now?** Will you open the door of your heart to Jesus **now?**

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