

A Verse to Remember 10

VERSE Revelation 3:20

TEXT *Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me.*

PURPOSE OF BOOK Remind the early church people that Christ is in control of the future, He will protect them from judgment, and that they need to trust and obey Him as He sets up His kingdom.

THEME CHAPTER 3 A letter to the churches at Dead Sardis, Faithful Philadelphia and Lukewarm Laodicea.



There are letters to seven churches but only three are mentioned in chapter 3.

In what modern-day country were they located? _____

*As we can see, the church at Sardis was described as **dead**. That's not good!*

*The church at Philadelphia was described as **faithful**. That is good!!*

Our verse (3:20) is in the section for the church at Laodicea.

How is this church described? (3:14-21) _____

Something is not good in this church if God wants to vomit.

How did this church describe themselves? (3:17a) _____

How did God describe them? (3:17b) _____

The church at Laodicea did not need anything. They thought they were spiritually rich and pure; they were playing church; no sincerity, no depth, no honesty, no growth. YOU COULDN'T TELL THEM FROM THE REST OF THE EVIL SOCIETY. Oops!

Do you think the people in this church were believers? _____ Yes _____ No

God wanted them to be spiritually healthy – not naked, blind, shamed, hypocritical.

Who is standing at the door of the church? (3:20) _____

Notice, it is not Jesus standing at the door of someone's heart – but the church!!

Is walking up to the door the same as standing at the door? _____ Yes _____ No

Maybe, Jesus is always standing there. Maybe He wants to be let in.

Does Jesus just knock? _____ Yes _____ No

Explain the reference to "hearing His voice"?

***Isn't** it possible that they were already believers who had walked away to sinful ways and were living a weak & fake Christian life? If you heard a knock, you would not know who it was unless the knocker called out to you through the door.*

Explain times when you were not listening to God – no prayer – no Bible reading – no interest in living a right life. Churches get that way too. _____

Then, one day you hear the voice. That's the Lord!! You as a believer or group of believers open the door.

What did the Lord want to do when He got in? Yell at you? Call you a failure?
