

## “BEHOLD, I HAVE SET BEFORE THEE...”

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*“I know your works. See, I have set before you an open door, and no one can shut it; for you have a little strength, have kept My word, and have not denied My name.” {Revelation 3:8} What kind of “open door” does God set before lost souls today?*

**Instruction.** *“No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him; and I will raise him up at the last day. It is written in the prophets, ‘And they shall all be taught by God.’ Therefore everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to Me.” {John 6:44-45}* Knowledge is the thing most needed by those who are outside of Christ. Only those who correctly understand God’s will can truly be obedient believers. The Bible is available for all to read and apply—each person must make the decision to obey.

**Salvation.** *“For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, for the same Lord over all is rich to all who call upon Him. For whoever calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved.” {Romans 10:12,13}* God’s Son is His greatest gift to mankind. The Father loved the world so much that He gave the best He had to offer {John 3:16}. Everyone needs salvation. *“For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.” {Romans 3:23}* God does not respect persons; He desires salvation for all who willingly accept His gracious terms {Acts 10:34,35; 2 Peter 3:9}.

**Fellowship.** *“Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded.” {James 4:8}* In the beginning, God created only one entity—man—to have fellowship with Himself. *“God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.” {1 Corinthians 1:9}* Fellowship is joint participation and sharing in common. Only those in God’s family can enjoy this spiritual blessing.

**Prayer.** *“Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.” {Hebrews 4:14-16}* Prayer is a special blessing through which we can communicate with our maker, but only if we are part of His family. God understands our struggles, and He is aware of our needs.

**Service.** *“Therefore if anyone cleanses himself from the latter, he will be a vessel for honor, sanctified and useful for the Master, prepared for every good work.” {2 Timothy 2:21}* God decreed that those who come to Him need to understand they are entering lives of service—to Him, and to others. Despite the misconception of the religious world at large, Christianity is not a free ride!

**Heaven.** *“Therefore, brethren, be even more diligent to make your call and election sure, for if you do these things you will never stumble; for so an entrance will be supplied to you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.” {2 Peter 1:10,11}* The bottom line—an eternal home with God! God offers a wonderful eternal abode to all who desire it. *“In My Father’s house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also.” {John 14:2,3}*

Only while we live does the door of opportunity stand ajar; it will not always be open. Please don't wait until your door shuts and cannot be reopened. Take steps toward walking through it today. The Father is waiting. \*\*\*