

PENINSULA CHRISTIAN F E L L O W S H I P

Knocking to Get In

Matthew 7:7-8, "Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; **knock, and it will be opened to you.** For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened."

- **Asking** is for provision, for yourself & others (7/9)
- **Seeking** is for wisdom, knowledge & understanding (7/2)
- Seeking is driven by desire (**Matthew 5:6 & 6:33**)
- **Knocking** is for access, opportunity & admittance

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Jesus promised & offered two eternal things:

- **Peace & Oneness**

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What shall we **Knock on His door** to gain access to?

- **Peace is** "Set at one again"
- Jesus promised it several times
- **John 14:27, 16:33, 20:21 & 26**, so we ask confidently
- Oneness **cannot be accessed** without peace
- Peace is **the hinge** on the door to Oneness

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Peace is **safe, secure relationship** with someone

Oneness is **indivisible communion relationship**...

- Demonstrated by **Christ & The Father**
- **John 1:14 & 18, 14:9, Colossians 2:9**

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So, **we knock & He opens.** Then what?

- The open door **only accomplishes access**, not Oneness

Do we knock on His door to be admitted **into His oneness**?

- Is that the primary desire of your heart?
- **It is the primary desire of His**

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John 17:20-23, "I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word; **that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us**, that the world may believe that You sent Me. And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, **that they may be one just as We are one: I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one**, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have **loved them as You have loved Me.**"

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Oneness is **Complete & secure relationship**...

- Uncorrupted, without reservation or compromise
- **Enjoying absolutely** the safety & security of His Peace

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Where shall we knock?

John 1:1-2, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and **the Word was God.** He was in the beginning with God."

Do you go to His Word to **meet Him** there, and **join Him in His oneness**?

- Do you go in **Hope**? (Confident expectation with pleasure)
- Because **He died to provide it** for us?

We Identified the primary obstacle to peace as **unforgiveness**

The primary hindrance to oneness is going to Him according to **what we think of ourselves** – as if we don't belong...

- Instead of what **He** thinks of us **in Christ!**

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What was the first violation of oneness?

Genesis 3:8-11, And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden... and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God. Then the LORD God called to Adam... and he said, "I heard Your voice in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; and I hid myself." And He said, "**Who told you that you were naked?**"

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Oneness doesn't hide to protect ourselves:

- First from God...
- Then from others He is one with **(John 17:20-23)**

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The violation was and is, **living independently**, without God...

- And independently of those who are one with Him
- "**That they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us**"

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Oneness was violated & **Peace** was sacrificed

- **Peace** makes Oneness **possible**
- **Oneness** guarantees **Peace**
- Self-sufficient independence is **sin against Christ & His body**
- **I Corinthians 11:18 & 29**

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Jesus said, "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."
(Revelation 3:20)

He said long before that, "Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; **knock, and it will be opened to you.** For everyone who asks receives,

and he who seeks finds, and **to him who knocks it will be opened.**"

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He calls us to knock on His door...

And **He** promises to open it to us

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He came, lived, suffered & died **so we could walk through it...**

- Into the eternal oneness we were created for.
- This is more than salvation
- **This is what salvation is for**

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This is the **second most important** invitation we'll ever get

As we sing, please carefully consider knocking...

- And stand expecting to walk through it to Oneness with Him
- Matthew 7:7-8** really means, "**Keep asking, seeking & knocking**"