



# Kids Column



**"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." (Rev. 3:20)**

Holment Hunt, a famous English painter, in the late 1800's painted a masterpiece entitled, "Christ at the door." It is said that when Mr. Hunt had finished his painting, he displayed it for the critics. As it was unveiled, one of the critics replied with laughter, "You forgot to put a latch on the door." The great artist replied, "There is no latch on the door; the latch is on the inside."

When we examine a reproduction of Hunt's, "Christ at the door," we will see no latch on the door. Truly, the latch is on the inside. If Jesus comes into our lives, it will not be because He forced His way in, but because we opened the door by submission and obedience to Him.

## **Let's Talk About 'ME'!**

by Greg Gwin

An old joke tells of a fella who had a blind date with a young lady. He spent the whole evening talking about himself. Finally, near the end of the date, he said: "I've talked about myself enough. Now you talk about me." Ouch! That's the first and last date for that guy!

Unfortunately, that joke is played out too literally in these days. Seems folks have lost the skill of common and courteous conversation. So often people spend most of their time talking about themselves, their families, their activities and interests, etc. Have you noticed how seldom certain individuals ask about you, your work, or your family? This self-centeredness has been encouraged and promoted on the pages of social media. Facebook and similar sites are overrun with people talking about themselves; posting flattering pictures of themselves; telling about their own achievements and those of their children and relatives. There is a new narcissism that exceeds anything ever seen before.

God's Word warns that a person is "not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think" (Romans 12:3). We are urged to "consider one another" (Hebrews 10:24), and to do things that will "edify one another" (1 Thessalonians 5:11). We should "look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others" (Philippians 2:4). Paul's example was of one who was "not looking for praise from men, not from you or anyone else" (1 Thessalonians 2:6).

Personal pride and selfish arrogance have no place in the heart of a Christian. Let's be careful not to follow the current trend of 'self-ism'. Think!



**Bible Questions**



**Who was the author of the book of Revelation? John (Rev 1:1)**

**In our study of the book of Acts, where was the first sermon preached by the apostle Peter? Jerusalem (Acts 2:5)**

**Gods Plan Of Salvation**

**Hear Romans 10:17,**

**Believe John 8:24,**

**Repent Luke 13:3**

**Confess Romans 10:9-10,**

**Baptism Acts 2:38,**

**Remain Faithful**

**Revelation 2:10**

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# Seeking Truth

**Everyone is welcome to attend.**



Service Times

Sunday Morning Bible Study  
10:00AM

Sunday Morning Worship 11:00 AM

Wednesday Evening Bible Study  
6:00 PM

## **Be Committed to Truth**

By Jay Dixon

Paul warned the elders of the church in Ephesus, “For I know this, that after my departure savage wolves will come among you, not sparing the flock. Also, from among yourselves men will rise up, speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after themselves.” (Acts 20:29) Paul was genuinely concerned about false teaching, coming from those within the church. He was fearful that certain ones would manipulate the truth, spreading lies and teaching error with the intent to lure disciples away from Christ. He counseled them to be cautious, reminding them in V31 of his constant warnings, day, and night with tears for three years. Paul’s love for his brethren was great, as was his concern for their souls. His warning was a call to be steadfast in the teachings of Christ.

In 1st Timothy 1:3, Paul instructed Timothy to remain in Ephesus to ensure that no other doctrines were taught. This point seems to have been well received by the Ephesian church. Also, in 2 Timothy 1:13, Paul stresses to Timothy the importance of adhering to sound doctrine, saying, “Hold fast the pattern of sound words which you have heard from me.”

In 2nd Timothy 2:1, Paul writes, “Thou therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.” Timothy was to continue faithfully teaching the doctrine of Christ as he had learned it. Paul stresses the importance of committing these teachings to faithful men, for they make for faithful teachers of God’s Word. Paul’s concern highlights the significance of steadfastness in teaching the sound, wholesome doctrine of Christ. We too should be concerned about what is being taught. We must be committed to the truth and accept nothing but the pure doctrine of Christ.