

A close-up photograph of a weathered wooden door. The wood is a warm, brownish-tan color with visible grain and some darker spots. A black metal ring pull handle is mounted vertically on the door. The handle has a circular ring at the bottom and a decorative, curved top. The text is overlaid on the upper half of the image.

“Is God Really Good? Asking Our Father”
Matthew 7:7 – 11

Community Bible Church
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“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 the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. Or which one of you, if his son asks him for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a serpent? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask him!” (Matthew 7:7 – 11)

To receive the *undeserved* gifts of God, we first receive the *undeserved* gift of salvation through Christ.

“I came that they may have life and have it *abundantly*” (John 10:10).

“For as we share *abundantly* in Christ's sufferings, so through Christ we share *abundantly* in comfort too” (2 Corinthians 1:5).

“Now to him who is able to do far more *abundantly* than all that we ask or think. . .” (Ephesians 3:20).

“[all] who believed in [Jesus’s] name, he gave *the right* to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God” (John 1:12 – 13).

“See what kind of *love* the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are” (1 John 3:1).

“For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons [and daughters], by whom we cry, ‘Abba! Father!’ The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs – heirs of God and *fellow heirs with Christ*” (Romans 8:15 – 16).

“Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father” (Philippians 2:1 – 11).