

John 10:7-9 – Jesus is God: He is the Door to Life

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Brothers and Sisters in the Lord. Jesus is the **Bread of Life** and Jesus is the **Light of the World**.

What beautiful descriptions of Christ. But more, **they, like all his 7 “I Am” statements, proved his Deity!**

This **made Jesus the perfect God-man sacrifice** for the sins of the world **so men and women could be saved.**

Today, see the 3rd “I Am” statement of Jesus: **Jesus is the door to life!**

Our headings are:

How is Jesus the Door to Life

What are the Implications of the Door to Life

Our goals are: **That you will enter God’s kingdom through Christ, that you will remain there, and that you will invite others to join you inside the Door.**

How is Jesus the Door to Life

7 Then Jesus said to them again, "Most assuredly, I say to you, **I am the door of the sheep.** 8 "All who ever came before Me are **thieves and robbers,** but **the sheep did not hear them.**

1. Jesus proclaimed he was the Door of the Sheep and those who entered through him would live–live forever!

Since Jesus is THE door to life, and since only God gave life, this is Christ’s direct claim to Divinity.

More, Jesus is not the Door of the pigs or of goats; he is the Door of the Sheep! God called his people “sheep,” followers!

2. Jesus proclaimed with certainty- most assuredly – that he was the Door of Life for his sheep.

You can trust his Word! **He is not a liar. He is not a lunatic. He is the Lord!**

The Ethiopic version of the Bible says, **“I am the true door of the sheep!”** I don’t know if that is correct, but it surely explains what Jesus said next.

3. Jesus declared all those (doors-bad leaders) who came before were only thieves and robbers and the sheep were not saved by them.

This was hyperbolic speech, of course, just like Elijah's hyperbolic speech.

Romans 11:3 "**LORD, they have killed Your prophets and torn down Your altars, and I alone am left,** and they seek my life"? 4 But what does the divine response say to him? "I have reserved for Myself seven thousand men who have not bowed the knee to Baal."

There were some good shepherds in the kingdom: John the Baptist, Isaiah, David, Josiah, Daniel, and Jeremiah.

But many of these **doors of whom Jesus was referring, pretended to be the door to life, but they were, in fact, swindlers of widows,** taking away their homes, and were doors of death.

Consider 2 descriptions of these people!

Thieves, those who secretly robbed and destroyed people – like Jeroboam-promoting false worship by deception in Dan and Beersheba. It is from the word “klepto.” We get kleptomaniac.

Robbers, those who violently destroyed others and stole their property – like Nebuchadnezzar. “Worship my idol or die!”

These “doors” didn’t lead people to life! These men only had their own self-interest! They were not a source of safety.

Rather, these thieves and robbers let some of the sheep wander away and get lost, and they used some of the sheep to get rich!

Apostle Paul warned the Ephesians of this!

Acts 20:29 "For I know this, that after my **departure savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock.**

But God blocked his sheep's ears from listening and following these liars.

9 "I am the door. If anyone enters **by Me,** he **will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture.**

4. Jesus asserted that anyone who entered through him would not only be saved, but

they would enter his church and find good pasture, meaning, they would find good spiritual food.

Christ even protected those who would become his sheep in the future!

John 17: 20 "I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word;

Keep in mind Jesus was not saying his people didn't temporarily stray. All did.

What he meant was that they did not stray permanently...as in losing their salvation. Entering through him not only brought life, but brought abundant life.

This was God's promise.

Psalms 23:2 He makes me to lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still waters.

Christ's sheep would be safe, safe from the dangers of hell.

"By me" is emphatic, meaning Jesus is the only one who brings salvation.

5. Jesus assured them that those who entered through him would then be able to live for him, going out and coming in daily!

This does not refer to them going back and forth to the world; that would make no sense. This was descriptive on normal life for the Christ. This meant they lived with Christ.

"Will go in and out" can be translated "will live there!"

The one who lives at a particular home can go in and out!

6. This language of Jesus being the door to eternal life is confirmed in the Old Testament.

Ezekiel 34:15 "I will feed My flock, and I will make them lie down," says the Lord GOD. 16 "I will seek what was lost and bring back what was driven away, bind up the broken and strengthen what was sick...

What comfort is promised to the broken hearted...!

The door is always open! Isn't this what every straying child wants to hear?

7. This language of Jesus being the door to eternal life is confirmed in the New Testament.

Revelation 7:17 "for the Lamb who is in the midst of the throne will shepherd them and **lead them to living fountains of waters**. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Acts 14: 27 Now when they had come and gathered the church together, they reported all that God had done with them, and that **He had opened the door of faith** to the Gentiles.

What are the Implications of the Door to Life

1. Jesus is the only door to life; you must enter through Christ or you will have to pay with your life in hell.

1 Corinthians 2:2 For I determined not to **know anything among you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified.**

Galatians 4:4 But when the fullness of the time had come, **God sent forth His Son**, born of a woman, born under the law, **5 to redeem those who were under the law**, that we might receive the adoption as sons. **6 And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, "Abba, Father!"**

John 3:16 "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. **18 "He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already,** because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

Jesus is the narrow gate! (Luke 13) There is another beautiful picture of the lost coming through the Door.

Revelation 21: 4 **And the nations of those who are saved shall walk in its light**, and the kings of the earth **bring their glory and honor into it. 25** **Its gates shall not be shut at all by day** (there shall be no night there). **26** And they shall **bring the glory and the honor of the nations into it.**

2. Know there are other doors, but none of them leads you to eternal life and heaven!

Doors to temptations and temporary joys will not bring you hope or long-term joy!

Doors of religions or philosophies before and after Christ are thieves and robbers. Hinduism, Buddhism, Islam, Confucianism, Taoism, Socialism, Communism, liberation theology, capitalism...they all are thieves and robbers and no man will find true life in them!

False teachers in the church are doors of death too. These doors could not hold your hand when you are dying. They wouldn't know what to say! They will choose the best salaries instead of the best service.

None offers true forgiveness through the blood of Christ.

Matthew 7:15 "**Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves.**

3. To enter into Christ or to enter through Christ is to be joined to his church!

There is no "entrance into Christ" and then being alone! You join with other sheep. If you avoid other sheep, you are not part of God's family in Christ.

But you are! And a beautiful variety you are!

Micah 2:12 "**I will surely assemble all of you,** O Jacob, I will surely gather the remnant of Israel; I will put them together like sheep of the fold, Like a flock in the midst of their pasture; They shall make a loud noise because of so many people.

John 11:52 and not for that nation only, **but also that He would gather together in one the children of God who were scattered abroad.**

4. To enter in Christ is to be nourished by his Word and Sacraments and be cared for by his undershepherds.

Ezekiel 34:14 "I will **feed them in good pasture,** and their fold shall be on the high mountains of Israel. There they shall lie down in a **good fold and feed in rich pasture on the mountains of Israel.**

5. To enter into Christ means you are safe from all the enemies who have their eyes set on your destruction.

You never have to fear them! Christ did not lift you up to let you down! **The roaring lion, the Devil, cannot get his teeth or his paws on you!** He wants to destroy, but your Shepherd brings you in and keeps you safe. You are behind his hedge!

6. Those who pretended to have entered the door but leave permanently, prove they were fake sheep.

1 John 2:19 They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would have continued with us; but they went out that they might be made manifest, that none of them were of us.

7. After you enter through The Door of Life you will be ashamed when you stray from the one who gave you access to heaven.

He did everything for you and you never have reasons to leave.

8. Jesus is the door, which means you can't save anyone; you have to lead them to The Door to be saved!

He will hold you accountable if you try to take credit for what he does.

You might share the Gospel, but it is his God...with his wisdom...with his Holy Spirit that bring change.

9. As much as we try to be good undershepherds, Jesus is the True Shepherd, and you must therefore have your full confidence in him only.

You must depend on him as you lead others to the Door!

Conclusion:

Those who enter through Jesus have their sins blotted out, their names written in the Lamb's Book of Life, and have the Lord's present comfort, joy, and assurance!

What wonderful gifts each Christian has!

What help you have!

You don't have to figure out everything for yourself.

Your Lord will guide you by his Word and Spirit.

Beloved in the Lord

1. You have entered the house of Jesus.

Stay there.

Rejoice in him.

Enjoy your time there.

Do not stray.

Don't be lured by shining things which lead to hell.

They don't live up to what they promise.

2. Encourage each other to stay inside the door.

Encourage your children to love their spiritual comforts.

3. Invite the world to come in and sup with Christ. He invites all!

In Revelation 3, you see Jesus, in a reverse illustration, stands and the door and knocks.
Come in to him!

Finally, let me summarize God's Word to you if you are not a Christian: "**Come to Christ or your will go to hell.**"

Christ opened up the way **so you could enter through Christ into his church.**

Don't blow it.

You may not have this opportunity again.