

Christ, the Door

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I am the door of the sheep.
John 10:7

- **Jesus is the door** through which we come to the Father, through which we come to receive eternal life, through which we come to find protection and rest, through which we find relief and refuge from the trials and difficulties of life. Jesus is **the** way, the truth and the life! There is no other means of entering into eternal life except through Christ.

John 14:6 - Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

- **One door and only one** and yet its sides are two! A door gives entrance to those on the inside but a door blocks the entrance to those on the outside. In Old Testament times, shepherds built sheep folds out of stones and rocks. The sheep would be led to the fold at night and as they entered the shepherd would examine each one and administer first aid to any who had injuries. The shepherd would then lay across the entrance to sleep, giving protection to the sheep from wolves that would otherwise find an easy entrance to the sheep.
- **I'm on the inside**, on which side are you? We can not be inside the door and outside at the same time! To go inside the door we must turn our back to the world, to walk away from the door we must turn our back on Christ.
- **Christ the door gives entrance, Christ the Shepherd gives leadership** to each individual sheep of His own. The mark of ownership—the sheep hear and follow His voice. When the sheep leave the fold, the Shepherd goes with them. They are never left alone or unprotected in the world. When the Shepherd leads His sheep in and out of the fold, His purpose is to care for them in the best way possible, not simply adequately, but *abundantly*.

John 10:1-18 - Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that entereth not by the door into the sheepfold, but climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber. But he that entereth in by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. To him the porter openeth; and the sheep hear his voice: and he calleth his own sheep by name, and leadeth them out. And when he putteth forth his own sheep, he goeth before them, and the sheep follow him: for they know his voice. And a stranger will they not follow, but will flee from him: for they know not the voice of strangers. This parable spake Jesus unto them: but they understood not what things they were which he spake unto them. Then said Jesus unto them again, Verily, verily, I say unto you, I am the door of the sheep. All that ever came before me are thieves and robbers: but the sheep did not hear them. I am the door: by me if any man enter in,

he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture. The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: **I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.** I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep. But he that is an hireling, and not the shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, seeth the wolf coming, and leaveth the sheep, and fleeth: and the wolf catcheth them, and scattereth the sheep. The hireling fleeth, because he is an hireling, and careth not for the sheep. I am the good shepherd, and know my sheep, and am known of mine. As the Father knoweth me, even so know I the Father: and I lay down my life for the sheep. And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd. Therefore doth my Father love me, because I lay down my life, that I might take it again. No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This commandment have I received of my Father.

- **Christ is the door to an abundant, blessed life!**

1Co 2:9 - But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.

Psalms 121 - I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the LORD, which made heaven and earth. He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: he that keepeth thee will not slumber. Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep. The LORD is thy keeper: the LORD is thy shade upon thy right hand. The sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night. The LORD shall preserve thee from all evil: he shall preserve thy soul. The LORD shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even for evermore.

- **To wander from the Shepherd** is to wander from life itself. Why would those who “have it so good” complain or act as though they were “on their own”? Why would a sheep with such a faithful Shepherd as Christ doubt His leading? There is only one answer—unbelief.

Hebrews 3:12-13 Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God. But exhort one another daily, while it is called To day; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.

Hebrews 3:18,19 And to whom sware he that they should not enter into his rest, but to them that believed not? So we see that they could not enter in because of unbelief. Let us therefore fear, lest, a promise being left us of entering into his rest, any of you should seem to come short of it.