

I AM THE DOOR
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"I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture." John 10:9.

The Bible uses many names and objects to picture the life and true purpose of Jesus Christ. Many religions of the world are completely off base concerning Him. Many men and women accept his history as a religious leader and miss the truth. Today's verse describes Him in a very understanding way everyone can understand. We have all dealt with doors and understand their purpose and we use them by faith. Behind closed doors there are kept many things. We do not break through the wall but rather use the door to enter. The doors themselves take on many responsibilities, but become a challenge to allow one in or out. Even the Bible sheepfolds of the past had great importance to allow the sheep to enter and rest in safety. Certainly, this is true of the Son of God. By faith in Him we can enter heaven. The refusal to trust Him leads to tragedy and hell for all eternity, to all who refuse to enter. I want to use the first 4 words of the verse to teach the truth. **First: I Will Start With The Word "I".** His way of salvation is **(1) Not By Works:** *"For by grace are ye saved through faith, and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God. Not of works, lest any man should boast. Eph. 2:8&9.* Let me say kindly the Catholic religion is all based on works, rather than faith in the finished work of Christ. Candles, statuary, dictated prayers, communion, and confessionals, priests and prayers to Mary, are all religious concoctions. They are a part of religious profession, but not the same as trusting Christ alone as the door of Salvation. **(2). Not By Laws:** *"Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the law is the*

knowledge of sin." Rom. 3:20. Many dear Jewish people are all wrapped in keeping the law as pronounced in the Old Testament. The keeping of ordinances, though important, are not the same as faith in the finished work of Jesus Christ. There are great God pleasing commands for even us to follow, but walking through the door in simple faith is the true way of salvation. **(3) Nor Is It Reform:** *"Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost."* Titus 3:5. Many Protestants mistake cleaning up one's life, a change to religious actions, and a man made about face to be the way to follow. Please notice that reform or change in ones life, is again not the same as simply trusting Christ, who as the door welcomes all to salvation. It is a start to live a better life, but that is not the same as trusting the work of Christ to save your soul. **(4). Not Baptism:** *"Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."* John 3:3. You must walk through the door, accept His crucifixion for your sin, and trust this act to pay for the salvation of your soul. Baptism is an outward proof of your acceptance by Christ. It is an obedient testimony to your faith, before the church and world. It does not save but is commanded to follow up your decision to trust Christ. It says I die to self and rise to serve the Lord with the rest of my life **(5) Nor Joining A Church:** *"Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me."* John 14:6. Many churches blindly ignore this crucial verse. I have always been a Baptist, but that did not save me. There is still much competition among churches and denominations, but a building and a certain way of believing is again not the same as being saved. This must be your act of faith in the finished plan of the great Shepherd, who is the door to salvation. **Salvation Is Only Complete**

Faith In The Finished Work Of Christ Upon The Cross." Acts 4:12 is very clear. *"Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved."* The Lord Jesus as the door of salvation did not ever say in the scripture,,,,,

I Was:Past tense, an event of past history.

Nor I Will Be:...Future tense, later fulfillment.

But I Am:.....Present tense availability to all.

"Behold now is the accepted time; behold now, is the day of salvation." II Cor. 6:2b.

Now I want to mention the word **The: He did not say He was a door**, with a possibility of others which also lead to salvation. He limited it to one and only for in Himself there is true salvation with non other offered by God. **He Did Not Say He Was One Of Many Doors.**

Any religion that offers any other way of salvation is false. It is not a thing of a varied choice of what you think might do the job. Speculate all you want but the right Godly choice better be made. **Clearly, There Is No Other:** *"Look unto me and be saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God and there is none else. I have sworn by myself, the word is gone out of my mouth in righteousness, and shall not return, That unto me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear,"* Isa. 45:22&23. **The Facts Are Clear And Jesus Christ Is The Door Of Salvation!** Lastly, let's consider the last of the four words. the last one....**Door:** The Lord Jesus wants to be **Your**

Door Of Entrance: *"For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit.* I Pet. 3:18 The writer pictures us in Christ entering death as we all must do but rising again in His power to walk the streets of glory with Him. He is waiting to greet you into this glorious experience of being redeemed. He alone is the starting beginning to new life. **He Is Your Door Of Forgiveness.** *"In whom we have redemption through his blood, the*

forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace." Eph. 1:7. By shedding His blood on the cross Jesus paid in full for your sin and mine. Always all through the Old Testament record, animals were killed and their blood became the object for forgiveness. At Calvary God ended all those sacrifices by His own Son. The song writer wrote "Saved by the blood of the crucified one." God's Son purchased forgiveness for the sins of all mankind on that cross. We are told that God will remember our sin no more, for they are completely forgiven. In fact He puts them behind His back never to remember them against us ever more. Certainly this is one door worth entering. **He Is The Door Of Escape:** *"The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."* Rom. 6:23 The penalty for sinning has been very clear throughout the ages of mankind. If you have sinned, and we all have, then there is no way to escape of ourselves this judgment of God. He gives us however, a choice and like a prisoner we can be set free. By faith walk through the door of salvation into the arms of the one who made a way for you. His wonderful gift of salvation can be yours today, including the gift of eternal life He offers. He wants none to be lost, but you have to walk by faith through the door. **He Is A Door Of Great Welcome:** *"The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to usward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance."* II Pet. 3:9. Only total rejection of Jesus Christ can lock the door, a choice I hope none of you will make. Lastly, **He Is The Door Of Salvation:** *"Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."* Matt. 11:28 You need not pay the price for your sin, but can be set free today. The door of your rescue is open, and ready for you to pass through. Jesus Christ is everything you need for this life and for eternity. Just by faith step through the door, and join the ranks of the redeemed. **Hurry!**