

I AM the door

I. Introduction

A. Jesus is God who became flesh to provide a path to His Father-

Truly, truly, I say to you, I AM the door of the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. Jn 10:6

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. Jn 14:6

Truly; amen, at the beginning of a discourse – surely of a truth

at the end of a discourse- so it is, so be it, may it be fulfilled

I Am; a self-declaration by Jesus, identifying Himself as God

Door; (thyra, thoo-ra) a swinging or sliding barrier by which an entry is closed and opened as a means of access or an opportunity for success

Exclusive; excluding or having power to exclude, limiting

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I AM the only way to God

I AM the truth

I AM the resurrection

B. Jesus divided people-

Jesus said, "For judgment I came into this world, that those who do not see may see, and those who see may become blind." Some of the Pharisees near him heard these things, and said to him, "Are we also blind?" Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would have no guilt; but now that you say, 'We see,' your guilt remains. Jn 9:39

I came that they may have life and have it abundantly. I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. Jn 10:10

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. Ps 23:1

II. Jesus is the door to life for His sheep-

This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. So Jesus again said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. Jn 10:6

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the door of the kingdom of heaven also denotes the conditions which must be complied with in order to enter

A. Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world-

Then Moses called all the elders of Israel and said to them, "Go and select lambs for yourselves according to your clans, and kill the Passover lamb. Take a bunch of hyssop and dip it in the blood that is in the basin, and touch the lintel and the two doorposts. None of you shall go out of the door of his house until the morning. For the LORD will pass through to strike the Egyptians, and when he sees the blood on the lintel and on the two doorposts, the LORD will pass over the door of your houses to strike you. You shall observe this rite as a statute for you and for your sons forever. Ex 12:21

Under the law almost everything is purified with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins. Heb 9:22

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It is written, "You shall be holy, for I am holy.", knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. I Pet 1:16

Giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. Col 1:12

He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls. I Pet 2:24

B. The commandments for entering the kingdom of God were nailed on the doors of God's people-

"Hear, O Israel: You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. You shall bind them on your hand, you shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates. Deut 6:3

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The conditions to enter the door of the kingdom of heaven

C. Entry to the kingdom of God through Jesus is still based on love and the law-

One of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?" And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets. Mat 22:35

You shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself a carved image. Do not take the name of the LORD your God in vain. Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Honor your father and your mother. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness. You shall not covet. Ex 20:2

D. Jesus did not abolish the law He made it a matter of heart-

Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished. Mat 5:17

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world. I Jn 1:8 & I Jn 2:1

III. Jesus' offer eternal life is both inclusive and exclusive-

"Enter by the narrow gate. For the gate is wide and the way is easy that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many. For the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to life, and those who find it are few.

Mat 7:12

Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. On that day many will say to me, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?' And then will I declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.' Mat 7:21

A. Jesus' offer is inclusive-

Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me. The one who conquers, I will grant him to sit with me on my throne, as I also conquered and sat down with my Father on his throne. He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches." Rev 3:20

For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. Rom 10:12

B. The cost of discipleship is exclusive -

Jesus told his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Mat 16:24

I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. Gal 2:20

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C. Life on the other side of the door-

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. II Cor 5:17

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. Eph 1:3

For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them. Eph 2:10