

Christ the Door

Jesus said, "I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved."⁽¹⁾

1. Christ is the Only Door. "I am the door..."

Jesus Christ is the only way to God - there is no other door which leads to eternal life. Religion or good works will not get us into heaven, but a personal relationship with Jesus will. *He said, "I am Way, the Truth and the Life, no one comes to the Father except through me."*⁽²⁾

What right has Christ to make this claim? He alone took our sin and died on the cross. The Bible says, *"Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows. He was wounded for our transgressions. Christ died for our sins."*⁽³⁾

We have all sinned: *"For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God."*⁽⁴⁾

The Lord Jesus, who was without sin, took the death penalty we deserved for our sins. He was raised from the dead, as evidence that God had accepted His sacrifice, so that we might be reconciled to God. He now sits at God's right hand, with all power in heaven and earth given to Him. Jesus Christ is Lord of all, and He alone has the power to save sinners.

2. Christ is the Open Door. "If anyone enters..."

Although there is only one door, all are welcome to enter through it. God loves the whole world. Jesus said,

"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."⁽⁵⁾

Jesus Christ died for the whole world. The Bible says, *"Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!"*⁽⁶⁾

God's invitation is to all the world, including you. God will forgive your sins when you trust His Son the Lord Jesus Christ. The Bible says, *"It is by grace that you are saved."*⁽⁷⁾ Which means we do not have to earn or merit eternal life, rather, it is the gift of God, freely available to all, on the basis of what Christ did for us on the cross.

3. Christ is the Right Door. "He will be saved."

Many people are disillusioned with religion. It has no real answers for the world's problems. In the same way, many have lost faith in politics, and are left wondering if anyone can be trusted anymore. There is One who can *always* be trusted, who is totally reliable - and that is God.

God cannot lie. When He tells us that Christ is the door, we can be sure that He is right. God says, *"He who believes in the Son has everlasting life."*⁽⁸⁾ We can put our full confidence in the fact that what God says is true. He gives this promise to all people everywhere: *"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and you will be saved."*⁽⁹⁾

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