

Enter Through the Narrow Door

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Wherever we have to , we find doors through which you and I enter and leave. Throughout our lives we see different types of doors, which are made of wood, metal, and glass. There also automatic doors. These doors are found in different places, such as cars, warehouses, malls, homes, churches, and schools.

But today we are meeting to speak about the most important door in our lives. We must make a decisión about entering through this door while we are alive.

Key Verse:

1.Matthew 7:13-14

¹³“Enter by the narrow gate; for wide *is* the gate and broad *is* the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. ¹⁴^[c]Because narrow *is* the gate and ^[d]difficult *is* the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it.

The Word of God is clear. The Lord shows us that we have to decide which way we desire to enter, but the Lord Jesus Christ commands us to make our best effort to enter through the door that leads to eternal life.

2.Luke 13:22-30.(Will only a few will be saved?)

²² And He went through the cities and villages, teaching, and journeying toward Jerusalem. ²³ Then one said to Him, "Lord, are there few who are saved?"

And He said to them, ²⁴ "Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I say to you, will seek to enter and will not be able. ²⁵ When once the Master of the house has risen up and shut the door, and you begin to stand outside and knock at the door, saying, 'Lord, Lord, open for us,' and He will answer and say to you, 'I do not know you, where you are from,' ²⁶ then you will begin to say, 'We ate and drank in Your presence, and You taught in our streets.' ²⁷ But He will say, 'I tell you I do not know you, where you are from. Depart from Me, all you workers of iniquity.' ²⁸ There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, and yourselves thrust out. ²⁹ They will come from the east and the west, from the north and the south, and sit down in the kingdom of God. ³⁰ And indeed there are last who will be first, and there are first who will be last."

3.JUAN 10:1-9(The door to be saved is Jesus. Through that door we find new pastures.).

"Most assuredly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door, but climbs up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber. ² But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. ³ To him the doorkeeper opens, and the sheep hear his voice; and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴ And when he brings

out his own sheep, he goes before them; and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. ⁵ Yet they will by no means follow a stranger, but will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.” ⁶ Jesus used this illustration, but they did not understand the things which He spoke to them.

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Many times we believers speak about eternal life because the Lord has given us this door through which we have decided to enter. We decided to enter through this door because we have found that it is important to arrive at the final goal, just like the Bible teaches. For example, the Apostle Paul says the following...

4. 1 Corinthians 9:24-27.

²⁴ Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may [a] obtain *it*. ²⁵ And everyone who competes *for the prize* [b] is temperate in all things. Now they *do it* to obtain a perishable crown, but we *for an*

imperishable *crown*. ²⁶ Therefore I run thus: not with uncertainty. Thus I fight: not as *one who* beats the air. ²⁷ But I discipline my body and bring *it* into subjection, lest, when I have preached to others, I myself should become disqualified.

We see here that this race teaches us about that door and that way that we must follow. It teaches us that it is not easy, but when we let Jesus Christ take full control, with our faith placed in Christ, we can arrive in the end at the goal that is demanded of us. This goal is walking in the way that is upright, just, and wholesome before the Lord.

5.Psalm 15:1-5(This is how we abide in His Presence.)

LORD, who may ^[a]abide in Your tabernacle?
Who may dwell in Your holy hill?
² He who walks uprightly,
And works righteousness,
And speaks the truth in his heart;
³ He *who* does not backbite with his tongue,
Nor does evil to his neighbor,
Nor does he ^[b]take up a reproach against his friend;
⁴ In whose eyes a vile person is despised,
But he honors those who fear the LORD;
He *who* swears to his own hurt and does not change;
⁵ He *who* does not put out his money at usury,
Nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.
He who does these *things* shall never be moved.

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Once we find this door, it is important that we stay on the path and that we always let ourselves be guided by the Good Shepherd, who is the only one who gives even His own life for His sheep

John 10:1-11

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¹¹ "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep.

6. John 14:6

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

Moreover, the Bible teaches us that we should persevere until the end of time. This does not mean a day, a month, or a few years. Instead, this means until eternity. We should always be putting every part of our lives in the Master's Hands.

7. Matthew 24:13

¹³ But he who endures to the end shall be saved.

8. Matthew 10:22

²² And you will be hated by all for My name's sake. But he who endures to the end will be saved.

Upon entering the door that Jesus has for us, He will give us the crown that He has for each one of us.

So let us keep our lives clean before our God...

9.PROVERBS 28:18.

Whoever walks blamelessly will be ^[a]saved,
But *he who is perverse in his ways* will suddenly fall.

10.PROVERBS 10:8-9.

The wise in heart will receive commands,
But ^[a]a prating fool will ^[b]fall.

⁹ He who walks with integrity walks securely,
But he who perverts his ways will become known.

That door brings great rewards for each one of us who have given our lives to the Lord, according to the prophetic Book of Revelation.

11.Revelation 2:7,17,26

⁷“He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes I will give to eat from the tree of life, which is in the midst of the Paradise of God.” ’

¹⁷“He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes I will give some of the hidden manna to eat. And I will give him a white stone, and on the stone a new name written which no one knows except him who receives *it*.” ’

²⁶ And he who overcomes, and keeps My works until the end, to him I will give power over the nations—

12.Revelation 3:12-13,20-22.

¹² He who overcomes, I will make him a pillar in the temple of My God, and he shall go out no more. I will write on him the name of My God and the name of the city of My God, the New Jerusalem, which comes down out of heaven from My God. And *I will write on him My new name.*

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²⁰ Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me. ²¹ To him who overcomes I will grant to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne.

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How do I enter through the door?

1. Make the decision to enter through the door:

*****When we decide to follow the Lord, we understand that He only desires to bless us. One of the main ways He wants to bless us is by spending time with us.**

3. Revelation 3:20.

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2. Walk in repentance before the Lord:

****We must produce fruit that is worthy of the Lord.**

14. Matthew 3:8.

⁸Therefore bear fruits worthy of repentance,

3.Nothing will separate us from His love.

*****When we decide to accept everything that Christ is in every area of our lives no matter what, nothing will separate us from His love.**

15. ROMANS 8:35-39.

³⁵ Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? *Shall* tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? ³⁶ As it is written:

“For Your sake we are killed all day long;
We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.”

³⁷ Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, ³⁹ nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

In closing, I want to tell you, brothers and sisters, to make the decision to seek that door since not many will find it. Thus, we should make our best effort to enter through the door, which is Christ.....

Matthew 7:21-23.

²¹ “Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. ²² Many will say to Me in that day, ‘Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?’ ²³ And then I will declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!’

God gives us His Word so that we will be able to accept the Lord and enter through that narrow door and the narrow way of salvation.

ROMANS 10:8-10

⁸ But what does it say? “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith which we preach): ⁹ that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

1 John 1:8-10

⁸ If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹ If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰ If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us.

Acts 17:30

³⁰ Truly, these times of ignorance God overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to repent,