

“I AM The Door” John 10:1-9

- I. *Jesus is still talking to the Pharisees, here particularly about their kicking the healed blind man out of the synagogue ...*

³⁴ They answered and said to him, “You were completely born in sins, and are you teaching us?” And **they cast him out.** John 9:34 (NKJV)

The question is, did they really have authority to cast this man out?

10 “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. John 10:1–6 (NKJV)

1. **Most assuredly**, Amen, Amen here means what Jesus is saying is absolute truth! **10:1 A**
2. *The Pharisees here are the thieves and robbers – 10:1 B*
3. *Entering by the door is the shepherd, the sheep hear his voice, real sheep know the Voice of their shepherd and they will not follow another – 10:2-5*

In context, the healed blind man is the sheep, he is not listening to Pharisees, because they are thieves and robbers and not his shepherd ...

4. *They did not understand this – 10:6*

II. *Jesus is the Door, the only Door –*

⁷ Then Jesus said to them again, **“Most assuredly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. ⁸ All who ever came before Me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not hear them. ⁹ I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture.** John 10:7–9 (NKJV)

1. **Most assuredly**, again reiterates the absolute truth of Jesus’ statements!
2. *Jesus is THE DOOR of the sheep - I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. John 10:7*
 - A. *What Jesus is claiming here as The Door is AUTHORITY regarding both the sheepfold and particularly the sheep.*
 - B. *He is the only Authority –*

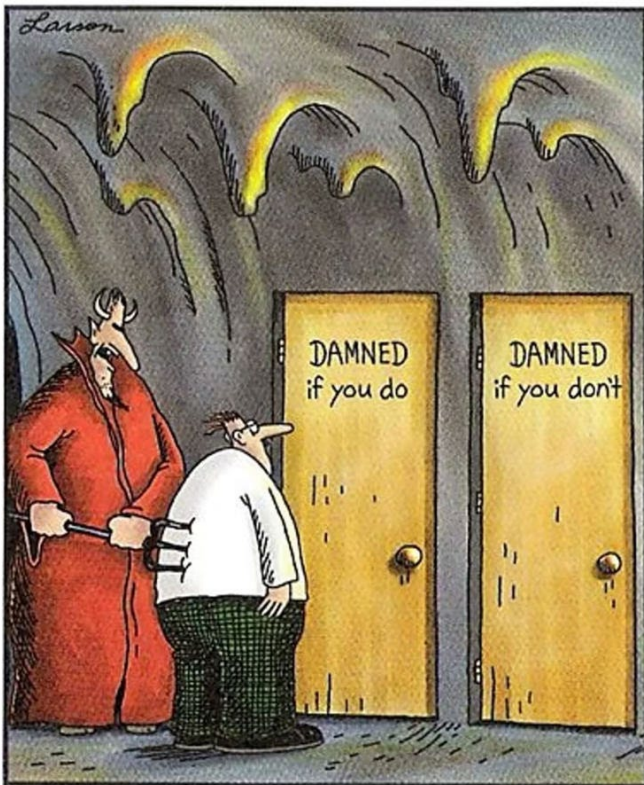
⁸ **All who ever came before Me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not hear them.**

- All who came before, claiming authority to CAST OUT sheep like the Pharisees did, definitely thieves and robbers ...
- All who came before, even relatively good, are thieves and robbers because there really is only ONE DOOR, ONE WAY, Jesus Christ –

⁶ Jesus said to him, **“I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me. John 14:6 (NKJV)**

All (if meaning all in the broadest sense) could include Abraham, Moses, David, Solomon, Isaiah, and good pastors none of these are perfect, none are Saviors!

My job, their job is to point to Jesus Christ ---



“C'mon, c'mon—it's either one or the other.”

only way ... sadly there are many like them!

III. Entering the DOOR –

⁹ **I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture. John 10:9 (NKJV)**

1. Faith in Jesus –

¹⁶ **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. ¹⁷ For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. John 3:16–17 (NKJV)**

3. So many today in our politically correct world argue that there are many ways to God, many ways to Heaven, but that is not what the Bible teaches.

The Bible teaches there is One Door, Jesus Christ. The cartoon here NEVER IMPRESSED me as funny because there are many ways to Hell ... and Hell is REAL, not a place to laugh at!

Jesus' Way is NARROW / DIFFICULT–

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 Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it. Matthew 7:13–14 (NKJV)**

The Christian Church Disciples of Christ is a denomination that denies Jesus is the

2. *Saved from what? From Hell, the ultimate penalty for sin, from sin itself –*

²¹ And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name JESUS, for He will save His people from their sins.” Matthew 1:21 (NKJV)

3. *A profession of faith / altar calls / why we don't do them ...*

¹⁰ For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. ¹¹ For the Scripture says, “Whoever believes on Him will not be put to shame.”

¹² For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, for the same Lord over all is rich to all who call upon Him. ¹³ For “whoever calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved.” Romans 10:10–13 (NKJV)

Is this passage of Scripture talking about altar calls?

A. *True heart (inner being) belief* ¹⁰ For with the heart one believes unto righteousness

This true faith is God's gift -

⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; *it is the gift of God,* ⁹ not of works, lest anyone should boast. ¹⁰ For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them. Ephesians 2:8–10 (NKJV)

B. *Mouth confession ... what is mouth confession?*

(1) *One time in front of a church? Saying “I do” in front of a church, when a pastor asks if you believe ... too often the pastor proclaims such a person saved they might be but ...*

(2) *Or like the blindman, defying the Pharisees, a lifetime profession before men, not only in front of friendly church members, but also if beheaded by ISIS!*

²⁷ “Whatever I tell you in the dark, speak in the light; and what you hear in the ear, preach on the housetops. ²⁸ And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. But rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell. ²⁹ Are not two sparrows sold for a copper coin? And not one of them falls to the ground apart from your Father's will. ³⁰ But the very hairs of your head are all numbered. ³¹ Do not fear therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows. ³² “Therefore whoever confesses Me before men, him I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven. ³³ But whoever denies Me before men, him I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven. Matthew 10:27–33 (NKJV)

(3) *Jesus has already taught us against a one time only profession of faith –*

³⁰ As He spoke these words, many believed in Him. ³¹ Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, “If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. ³² And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.” John 8:30–32 (NKJV) See also Matthew 7:21-23

IV. *Making your entrance (into Heaven) SURE is a lifetime process –*

⁵ But also for this very reason, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, to virtue knowledge, ⁶ to knowledge self-control, to self-control perseverance, to perseverance godliness, ⁷ to godliness brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness love. ⁸ For if these things are yours and abound, you will be neither barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹ For he who lacks these things is shortsighted, even to blindness, and has forgotten that he was cleansed from his old sins. ¹⁰ Therefore, brethren, be even more diligent to make your call and election sure, for if you do these things you will never stumble; ¹¹ for so an entrance will be supplied to you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

2 Peter 1:5–11 (NKJV)

1. *Note who Peter is addressing regarding making their call and election sure, those he believes have already received grace from God, those who he trusts are born-again partakers of the divine nature –*

² Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord, ³ as His divine power has given to us all things that *pertain* to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue, ⁴ by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption *that is* in the world through lust. 2 Peter 1:2–4 (NKJV)

For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith.

1. Because of what God has done for you “**for this very reason**” what are we called to do? Option A. Walk down the aisle of a church in response to an altar call? Or raise your hands with your eyes closed? No!

Option B. **giving all diligence** *Option B is the BEST*

“**add to your faith**”- 2 Peter 1:5 **A** Faith is the prerequisite, the start, the root, but expect progress...

2. We / You are called to **add to your faith** 2 Peter 1:5

3. What are we to add to faith?

A. Virtue – excellence of character

B. Knowledge – particularly knowledge of God and Christ – **John 17:3**

C. Self-control – temperance (victory over temptations from within)

D. Perseverance – strength through trials (victory over trials from without)

E. Godliness – a godly person is all about God and the things of God –

⁴ “Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD *is* one! ⁵ You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength. ⁶ “And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. ⁷ You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up. ⁸ You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. ⁹ You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates. Deuteronomy 6:4–9 (NKJV)

F. *Brotherly kindness – loving your neighbor as yourself!*

G. *Love is usually more in deeds than in words –*

¹⁸ **My little children, let us not love in word or in tongue, but in deed and in truth. 1 John 3:18 (NKJV)**

But here love is even more than deeds, it is who you become when you are Christ-like!

⁸ **For if these things are yours and abound, you will be neither barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹ For he who lacks these things is shortsighted, even to blindness, and has forgotten that he was cleansed from his old sins. ¹⁰ Therefore, brethren, be even more diligent to make your call and election sure, for if you do these things you will never stumble; ¹¹ for so an entrance will be supplied to you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. 2 Peter 1:8–11 (NKJV)**

Going forward once in a church service does not make all these qualities ours! Regular church attendance, daily Bible-study, prayer, and obedience to God’s Word, seeking and knowing God and caring for each other make our entrance through the Door Who is Jesus Christ SURE!

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