

Introduction:

A door has various functions. Some are ascetic and decorative. Find blue doors, brown doors, doors with small windows and doors that are mostly windows. However, a door has two important functions, 1) to keep people out; and 2) to let people in. The difference is the relationship between the people and the door. A door that lets everybody in is pretty well useless as is a door that let no one in. Jesus compares Himself to a door in our passage. Let us look at the context.

I) The door to keep out the robbers, v. 1

- A. Some robbers may try to go through a door however that is not possible in this case.**
- B. Some will try and get in another way.**
 - 1. Window, roof, wall, etc.
 - 2. A pretty good sign is the one going through the window is the thief.

II) The shepherd will go in by the door, v. 2

III) The shepherd will lead the people through the door, vv. 3-4

- A. The sheep will follow Him.**
- B. They do not and will not follow a different shepherd.**
 - 1. **Vv. 5-6** At this point Jesus is not comparing Himself to the door but is making a point to the religious leaders of that day. Many were leading

God's people astray. They thought they could get to God a different way but the true shepherd knows where the door is and uses that door. The true followers of God will use that door.

IV) Jesus is the door of the sheep, v. 7 - 10

- A. Before and after Christ people have claimed to be prophets of God and even the Messiah but they were not.**
- B. Why did the sheep not follow those people?**
 - 1. They knew the voice of the shepherd.
 - 2. They knew the word of God.

V) Jesus provides us with access to God.

- A. "No one comes to the Father except by Me"**
- B. We can not push our way through the door and by pass Jesus, *Acts 4.12*.**
 - 1. Some may think they can change God's word and make it say what they want but they are wrong.
 - 2. We can not crawl through the window of false religion.
 - a. God knows those who are following Christ and those who are not, *Matthew 15.13*.

VI) Jesus is the door to God's love.

- A. How would we know love if not for God? *1 John 4.8*.**
- B. Many Bible passages connect God's love for mankind with His Son, *John 3.16*.**

1. Jesus is not only the door through which God communicates His love for us but the door through which we show our love to God.
2. People try to show their love to God in numerous ways - emotionalism (handclapping, speaking in tongues, raising their hands, etc). Unfortunately, Jesus is being left out.

VII) Jesus is the door to the family of God.

A. The church is often compared to a family, *1 John 5.1*.

B. We get into the family through Jesus, *Galatians 3.26-27*.

1. We become children of God, brothers and sisters in Christ.
2. Like all families we have a unique relationship to each other.
3. We may have problems and trials but if we remember to do God's word, we will work those out.

VIII) Jesus is the door to all of God's blessings, *Matthew 5.45*

A. Only those in Christ receive these blessings, *Ephesians 1.3*

1. Forgiveness of sins, *Eph. 1.7*
2. Prayer, *Matthew 6.9*
3. Eternal life in heaven, *Matthew 19.29*
4. Fellowship with God and His people, *1 John 1.7*

IX. Jesus is the door to salvation

- A. ***Matthew 7.21*** some will try and go through the window but they will not make it. (Like the man stuck in the chimney, he won't make it to where he wanted to go.)
- B. ***John 14.6***

Conclusion:

Have you passed through that door? We are compared to sheep listening to the right voice (God's word) and going through the door. One time my dad had a goat to get in with his cattle. We did not mind since the goat was tame so he stays in the field for over a year. That goat never did turn into a cow. A person can hang around God's people and sing, pray, learn, but unless they are born again they will never become a Christian.