

I AM THE DOOR – JOHN 10:7-10

THE I AM'S OF JESUS #4

Today we continue our study by moving into John 10. Today we will see Jesus proclaiming to be “The Door”. It’s this statement that every single person must believe if they want to spend eternity in Heaven. If a person gets this aspect of Jesus wrong, that person has no hope of eternal life. Most people today believe that there are many doors to Heaven including the door that they have set up. Any belief that does not have Jesus as the one and exclusive door of salvation is a door that leads to hell and damnation. We begin today with:

1. **I AM the Door – John 10:7** -. This next use of the name I AM adds the word “Door”. The “Door of the sheep” simply refers to the means by which a person enters into the family of God. Every believer is considered a “sheep”. Jesus is the one and only door by which a person gains access into the family of God. This of course occurs at salvation. As with all of the other I AM statements of Jesus, He is “the” not “a” door. Jesus is not one of many doors, He is the only door. Most people will sadly spend eternity in hell because they did not believe this statement about Jesus.
2. **All others are thieves and robbers – vs. 8** -. Jesus is basically saying that anyone who came before Him and by implication after Him, who claimed to be the door to God and eternal life are “thieves and robbers”. It’s interesting that Jesus uses those terms. He doesn’t call them fakes or phonies, even though they are; He calls them “thieves and robbers”. The names fit. Anyone or any religion that offers a door to God that does not go through Jesus Christ is stealing from those people who are deceived by them. Notice some very valuable things that are stolen:
 - **Eternal life.**
 - **A true relationship with God.**
 - **Access to God through prayer.**
 - **The Holy Spirit.**
 - **The New Nature.**
 - **A love for God’s Word.** This leads to wisdom on how to properly navigate this life.
 - **A purpose for life.**
 - **Loved ones who could have been reached.**
 - **Christian fellowship and unity.**

3. **Salvation is only through the Door – vs. 9 -**. Two wonderful things occur at salvation – salvation itself and access to the things of God. Just like a key gives access to the one who owns that key, so too does salvation. The gate to the sheepfold is open for God’s people to go in and come out without hindrance. Unsaved people do not enjoy the wonderful access to the things of God. We also see the use of the word “saved”. That is a past tense word. In other-words, the saving has already been done. Unsaved religious people never “know” if they are saved; they only “hope”. When a person is genuinely saved, he can never lose it. Salvation is genuine when a person truly repents and trusts Christ alone for salvation. The evidence for salvation will be seen in a changed life. Never try to convince someone that they are saved; their life is supposed to do that for them. If family members do not display any salvation fruit, do not convince them that they are saved because they prayed a prayer. On the contrary, we should pin them down and ask them to prove their salvation by virtue of what their life is after they prayed a prayer.

4. **The Abundant Christian Life – vs. 10 -**. In this verse, Jesus contrasts what the religious thief seeks to do and what Jesus does do. The religious thief by offering a false door to God only steals, kills and destroys. Jesus not only offers eternal life but abundant life for this life. Life will never be easy, even for the Christian, but it can be abundant. Living life God’s way is always easier and more enjoyable. Living life without God will be the opposite. The abundance of Christian living is found in immersing ourselves in the Fruit of the Spirit. You will enjoy greater abundance in all of these areas in Christ:

- **Married life.**
- **As a parent.**
- **The single life.**
- **Your health**
- **Your overall outlook on life.**