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## “I AM THE DOOR” KNOWING JESUS SERIES

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### TEXT:

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### INTRO:

Jesus is teaching that there are basically two doors in this *tetragrammaton* of *égo eimi*, “I Am The Door,” a metaphor. The door to eternal life or salvation, or the door to eternal damnation and lostness.

Once you go through the door of salvation, we see in the Bible, God opens up two other major doors. So, in this message, I want to talk about **(1) The Door of Salvation, (2) The Door of Kingdom Opportunity, and (3) The Door of Intimacy.**

#### I. JESUS IS THE DOOR OF SALVATION

##### A. ENTRANCE INTO THE KINGDOM

1. **John 10:9 “I am the door; if anyone enters through Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture.”**

##### B. JESUS IS THE ENTRANCE TO SALVATION BECAUSE OF HIS DEATH AND RESURRECTION. THIS IS THE GOSPEL (1 Corinthians 15:1-4)

1. **1 Corinthians 15:1 Now I make known to you, brethren, the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received, in which also you stand, 2 by which also you are saved, if you hold fast the word which I preached to you, unless you believed in vain. 3 For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, 4 and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures.**
2. God gives us a rich example of the Door of Salvation in the Old Testament in the First Passover of the nation of Israel. After 400 years of slavery, God begins to deliver the Jewish people from the bondage of slavery and, at the same time, judge the idolatry of the Egyptian people. Passover comes from the word *pasach*, which means “to pass or leap over.” Before the tenth plague, God told the Israelites to paint the door post (sides of the doorway) and the lintel (the horizontal support at the top of the door) with lamb’s blood, and the plague, which caused the death of every first-born male, will pass over the Jewish people. This Passover Feast is one of the three major feasts that the Jewish people celebrate, and they have been doing so for over 3,000 years. They were to take a male lamb without spot or blemish and roast the lamb over an open fire. Anything that was not eaten, they had to throw into the fire. The meal came with bitter herbs and unleavened bread, bread without leaven. They had to eat the meal in haste, with their clothes on and sandals on their feet.
3. **Exodus 12:22 “You shall take a bunch of hyssop and dip it in the blood which is in the basin, and apply some of the blood that is in the basin to the lintel and the two**



**doorposts; and none of you shall go outside the door of his house until morning. 23 For the LORD will pass through to smite the Egyptians; and when He sees the blood on the lintel and on the two doorposts, the LORD will pass over the door and will not allow the destroyer to come into your houses to smite you.”**

4. Jesus became the Passover Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world (John 1:29,36; 1 Corinthians 5:7). At the same time that Jesus was crucified on Golgotha, the High Priest was sacrificing the lamb to celebrate the beginning of the Passover Feast.
5. 2 Corinthians 5:21 He who knew no sin, became sin...
6. **Jesus loves you. John 3:16** - “The Gospel in miniature.” Martin Luther
7. **Jesus rose again, ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father.** If Jesus died and didn’t rise from the dead, He would have been another martyr. But He demonstrated that He is truly God and that we too will rise from the dead and live for all of eternity with Him.

#### C. **SAVED - Sozo**

1. **Forgiveness of sins.** You cannot fully appreciate this unless you know you are a sinner saved by grace.
  2. **Saved from eternal damnation.**
  3. **Healed in your body. Isaiah 53, Matthew 8:17.**
  4. **Delivered from every curse. Galatians 3:13.**
- D. Matthew 7:13 “Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the way is broad that leads to destruction, and there are many who enter through it. 14 For the gate is small and the way is narrow that leads to life, and there are few who find it.”**
1. Jesus is saying this is the cost of following Him. He gives the grace, but you have to be willing to give up even good things in order to be a follower of Jesus. It is like having a car loaded with your possessions, but the gate is too small for the car to go through with your stuff. You have to choose between your belongings or not being able to go through the gate. In an airplane crash, you have to leave everything behind. Or a ship going down, you can’t bring anything with you onto the life raft. My salvation came with going through the door of the Baltimore Civic Center in 1973. God told me to “throw away your drugs and leave the concert.”

## II. **JESUS IS THE DOOR FOR KINGDOM OPPORTUNITY**

### A. **WE ARE ALL CALLED TO MINISTRY**

1. **Acts 14:27 When they had arrived and gathered the church together, they began to report all things that God had done with them and how He had opened a door of faith to the Gentiles.**
2. “Door of faith.” It seems Luke is saying that God opened the door for the Gospel from their first missionary trip and that the people walked through the door of salvation.
3. **1 Corinthians 16:9 for a wide door for effective service has opened to me, and there are many adversaries.**
4. **2 Corinthians 2:12 Now when I came to Troas for the gospel of Christ and when a door was opened for me in the Lord...**



5. **Colossians 4:3** praying at the same time for us as well, that God will open up to us a door for the word, so that we may speak forth the mystery of Christ, for which I have also been imprisoned.
6. **Revelation 3:8** “I know your deeds. Behold, I have put before you an open door which no one can shut, because you have a little power, and have kept My word, and have not denied My name.” (This is to the church in Philadelphia.)
7. Philadelphia and Smyrna were the only two churches for whom there was no correction because of their righteous deeds. God promises an open door for them because of their faithfulness.
8. **We have to do right if we want the right doors to open.**
9. Luke 16:10-12 says, if you are faithful in little, you will be faithful over much.
10. I had a number of doors of opportunity when I was a young man called to ministry. One door was my dad, who wanted me to be the youth pastor of his Korean Southern Baptist Church. I did serve and volunteer for my dad, but then I realized that I would personally not grow in the environment. I had just received the baptism of the Holy Spirit, and my dad’s church was a traditional Baptist church. My dad told me to be loyal to the Korean people, but ultimately, our loyalty is to Jesus. I remember telling my dad that I needed to go to an American church for my personal growth and that one day I would be able to help the Korean people. That has come to pass through HIM; we have a very strong apostolic network of Korean churches in Korea.
11. **Isaiah 22:22** “I will give him the key to the house of David—(the highest position in the royal court). When he opens doors, no one will be able to close them; when he closes doors, no one will be able to open them.”
12. We also talk about closed doors. I remember I was invited to be on staff with the pastor of the largest Charismatic church in our city. But I had a dream, and in the dream, I had declined the offer and the pastor started yelling at me at how ungrateful I was. Sure enough, I met with the pastor and told him that I could not accept his position, and he started to yell at me, just like in the dream. I found out later that this pastor was involved in adultery with a number of women; he used his counseling gift to seduce women in his church.
13. So, if God closes a door, you have to realize that there is a reason. Many times, it is that God is protecting you from the schemes of the enemy. The enemy masquerades as an angel of light. Often God closes one door because He has a better door in mind.
14. It was soon after this experience that God gave me a dream to come to LA. I remember how God opened the door for us to come out to California. My pastors didn’t bear witness that I would be leaving for LA. They wanted me to plant a church nearby. But I told them that Sue and I will fast and seek God for confirmation. But initially my pastors were not in favor. Here are how things changed. Sue and I went to my uncle’s condo in Ocean City, Maryland, which was not in use in the wintertime. We set down our bags, and the first thing we did was to kneel down and pray for God to confirm our calling to LA. The Lord told me to turn on the TV, that *The 700 Club* was on and Pat Robertson would give me a word of knowledge. Sure enough, he was on and he said, “There is a pastor that is asking for a word about planting a church. The Lord says, this is of the Lord. If you go out in unity and harmony, God will give you great success!” The show repeated itself in the afternoon, and I taped the words on my micro-recorder and played

them for our pastors that Tuesday—and the Spirit of God fell. All the pastors said, “This is of God. Go for it, Ché!”

15. Don’t let your pride hinder you from walking through the right door. Example: My invitation to meet with President Lee, the President of South Korea.

**B. SHEPHERDS OPEN THE DOOR FOR THEIR SHEEP**

1. Peter Wagner, 5,000 conference on Apostles. Paul Yonggi Cho’s church.
2. All the pastors on my staff. Each time I allow anyone to preach, I see it as an open door for the speaker. Leaders in HIM. Tony on the radio show. I will be the setter on a volleyball team. But my spiritual sons and daughters have to spike the ball.

**III. JESUS IS THE DOOR TO INTIMACY WITH GOD**

**A. Revelation 3:20 “Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come into him and will dine with him, and he with Me.”**

1. Psalm 24:7 Lift up your heads, O gates, and be lifted up, O ancient **doors**, that the King of glory may come in! ... 9 Lift up your heads, O gates, and lift them up, O ancient **doors**, that the King of glory may come in!
2. Psalm 78:23 Yet He commanded the clouds above and opened the **doors** of heaven.
3. **Revelation 4:1 After these things I looked, and behold, a door standing open in heaven, and the first voice which I had heard, like the sound of a trumpet speaking with me, said, “Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after these things.”**