Jesus Is The Door

Intro: In John 10, Jesus in teaching that he is the good Shepherd also uses the figure that He is the door. He begins by showing that one who does not enter by the door is a thief and robber; John 10:1-2 “Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that entereth not by the door into the sheepfold, but climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber. But he that entereth in by the door is the shepherd of the sheep.” He later proclaims that He is the door of the sheep; John 10:7 “Then said Jesus unto them again, Verily, verily, I say unto you, I am the door of the sheep.” Then He again proclaims it; John 10:9 “I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture.” Let us consider Jesus as the door in this lesson.

I. JESUS IS THE DOOR TO SALVATION
   A. Blood must be shed for there to be salvation
      1. Heb. 9:22 “And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission.”
      2. Animal sacrifices could not bring salvation; Heb. 10:4 “For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins.”
      3. It had to be the blood of a sinless sacrifice
         a. 1 Pet. 1:18-19 “Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; 19But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:"
         b. 1 Pet. 2:22-24 “Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth: 23Who, when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, he threatened not; but committed himself to him that judgeth righteously: 24Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.”
   B. Jesus is the only one Who can open the door to salvation.
      1. John would declare Jesus as being the one who would take away sin.
         a. John 1:29 “The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.”
         b. John 1:36 “And looking upon Jesus as he walked, he saith, Behold the Lamb of God!”
      2. Eph. 1:7 “In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;”
      3. Col. 1:14 “In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins:"
   C. Thus He is the only way of salvation.
      1. John 14:6 “Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.”
      2. Acts 4:12 “Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.”

II. JESUS IS THE DOOR TO PEACE
   A. Jesus is the giver of true peace
      1. Isa. 9:6 “For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.”
      2. John 14:27 “Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.”
   B. Peace is not the absence of alarm.
      1. Peace is a tranquility of mind that comes from a right relationship with God.
2. John 14:27 “Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.”

3. This peace is possible no matter what the outward circumstances might be.

C. There are four aspects of this peace:

1. Peace with God;
   a. Rom. 5:1 “Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:”
   b. Eph. 2:16-17 “And that he might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby: 17 And came and preached peace to you which were afar off, and to them that were nigh.”

2. Peace with self;
   a. John 14:1 “Let not your heart be troubled; ye believe in God, believe also in me.”
   b. Heb. 13:5 “Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.”

3. Peace with others;
   a. Rom. 12:18 “If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men.”
   b. Heb. 12:14 “Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord:”

4. Peace with circumstances;
   a. Jam. 1:3-4 “Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. 4But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.”
   b. Phi. 4:11-12 “Not that I speak in respect of want: for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content. 12I know both how to be abased, and I know how to abound: every where and in all things I am instructed both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need.”

D. Phi. 4:7 “And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.”

III. JESUS IS THE DOOR TO JOY

A. We are to rejoice in the Lord:

1. Phi. 3:1 “Finally, my brethren, rejoice in the Lord. To write the same things to you, to me indeed is not grievous, but for you it is safe.”

2. Phi. 4:4 “Rejoice in the Lord alway: and again I say, Rejoice.”

B. Notice areas in which we can rejoice:

1. In salvation
   a. Acts 8:38-39 “And he commanded the chariot to stand still: and they went down both into the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him. 39And when they were come up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught away Philip, that the eunuch saw him no more: and he went on his way rejoicing.”
   b. Acts 16:33-34 “And he took them the same hour of the night, and washed their stripes; and was baptized, he and all his, straightway. 34And when he had brought them into his house, he set meat before them, and rejoiced, believing in God with all his house.”
   c. Rom. 5:11 “And not only so, but we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received the atonement.”

2. In the triumph of truth
   a. 1 Cor. 13:6 “Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth;”
   b. 2 John 4 “I rejoiced greatly that I found of thy children walking in truth, as we have received a commandment from the Father.”

3. In the fellowship He provides; 1 John 1:3-4, 7 “That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ. 4And these things write we unto you, that your joy may be full.... 7But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.”
4. In persecution
   a. Mat. 5:10-12 “Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness’ sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 11Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. 12Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.”
   b. Acts 5:41 “And they departed from the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for his name.”

5. In the hope He instills
   a. Rom. 12:12 “Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer;”
   b. Heb. 3:6 “But Christ as a son over his own house; whose house are we, if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm unto the end.”
   c. Heb. 6:18-20 “That by two immutable things, in which it was impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us: 19Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and stedfast, and which entereth into that within the veil; 20Whither the forerunner is for us entered, even Jesus, made an high priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec.”

6. That our names are written in heaven; Luke 10:17-20 “And the seventy returned again with joy, saying, Lord, even the devils are subject unto us through thy name. 18And he said unto them, I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven. 19Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you. 20Notwithstanding in this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice, because your names are written in heaven.”

IV. JESUS IS THE DOOR TO A SPIRITUAL FEAST
   A. There is the necessity that we eat physically to sustain our life.
   B. There is the necessity that we eat spiritually to sustain spiritual life.
      1. 1 Pet. 2:2 “As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby:"
      2. Mat. 5:6 “Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.”
      3. John 4:10, 13-14 “Jesus answered and said unto her, If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water.... 13Jesus answered and said unto her, Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again: 14But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.”
      4. John 6:35, 48, 53-58 “And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst.... 48I am that bread of life.... 53Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you. 54Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day. 55For my flesh is meat indeed, and my blood is drink indeed. 56He that eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, dwelleth in me, and I in him. 57As the living Father hath sent me, and I live by the Father: so he that eateth me, even he shall live by me. 58This is that bread which came down from heaven: not as your fathers did eat manna, and are dead: he that eateth of this bread shall live for ever.”
   C. We are to grow which takes feeding at that spiritual feast.
      1. Acts 20:32 “And now, brethren, I commend you to God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified.”
      2. 2 Pet. 3:18 “But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen.”
   D. Consequences of not feasting on God’s Word:
      1. Hos. 4:6 “My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children.”
2. Isa. 5:13 “Therefore my people are gone into captivity, because they have no knowledge: and their honourable men are famished, and their multitude dried up with thirst.”

3. 2 Th. 1:8-9 “In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power.”

E. Blessings of feasting upon that Word:
1. Psa. 1:1-2 “Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night.”
2. Psa. 119:
   a. Cleanse; vs. 9 “Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto according to thy word.”
   b. Quicken; vs. 25 “My soul cleaveth unto the dust: quicken thou me according to thy word.”
   c. Strengthen; vs. 28 “My soul melteth for heaviness: strengthen thou me according unto thy word.”
   d. Confirm; vs. 38 “Stablish thy word unto thy servant, who is devoted to thy fear.”
   e. Defend; vs. 42 “So shall I have wherewith to answer him that reproacheth me: for I trust in thy word.”
   f. Comfort;
      (1) vs. 50 “This is my comfort in my affliction: for thy word hath quickened me.”
      (2) 1 Th. 4:18 “Wherefore comfort one another with these words.”
   g. Instruct; vs. 98-99 “Thou through thy commandments hast made me wiser than mine enemies: for they are ever with me. I have more understanding than all my teachers: for thy testimonies are my meditation.”
   h. Enlighten; vs. 105 “Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.”
   i. Assure; vs. 114 “Thou art my hiding place and my shield: I hope in thy word.”
   j. Uphold; vs. 116 “Uphold me according unto thy word, that I may live: and let me not be ashamed of my hope.”
   k. Give peace; vs. 165 “Great peace have they which love thy law: and nothing shall offend them.”
   l. Deliver; vs. 170 “Let my supplication come before thee: deliver me according to thy word.”
3. Gives us joy; 1 John 1:4 “And these things write we unto you, that your joy may be full.”
4. Gives us the ability not to sin; 1 John 2:1 “My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteou s:”
5. Gives us a knowledge we have eternal life; 1 John 5:13 “These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.”

V. Jesus Is The Door To True Purpose In Life
A. The world lives only for this time frame.
1. Isa. 22:13 “And behold joy and gladness, slaying oxen, and killing sheep, eating flesh, and drinking wine: let us eat and drink; for to morrow we shall die.”
2. Luke 12:19 “And I will say to my soul, Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry.”
3. 1 Cor. 15:32 “If after the manner of men I have fought with beasts at Ephesus, what advantageth it me, if the dead rise not? let us eat and drink; for to morrow we die.”
B. Jesus shows us what true life is all about.
1. John 1:4 “In him was life; and the life was the light of men.”
2. John 14:6 “Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.”
3. Christ came to do the Father’s will.
   a. John 4:34 “Jesus saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work.”
   b. John 5:30 “I can of mine own self do nothing: as I hear, I judge: and my judgment is just; because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me.”
   c. John 6:38 “For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me.”

C. Our life is to glorify God here on earth.
   1. 1 Cor. 10:31 “Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God.”
   2. Phi. 1:20 “According to my earnest expectation and my hope, that in nothing I shall be ashamed, but that with all boldness, as always, so now also Christ shall be magnified in my body, whether it be by life, or by death.”
   3. 1 Pet. 4:11 “If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God; if any man minister, let him do it as of the ability which God giveth: that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.”

VI. Jesus is the Door to a Heavenly Rest
   A. At Creation God rested the seventh day.
      1. Gen. 2:2-3 “And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made; and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made. And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it: because that in it he had rested from all his work which God created and made.”
      2. This implies a rest for man; Heb. 4:3-4 “For we which have believed do enter into rest, as he said, As I have sworn in my wrath, if they shall enter into my rest: although the works were finished from the foundation of the world. For he spake in a certain place of the seventh day on this wise, And God did rest the seventh day from all his works.”

   B. Joshua could not provide true rest.
      1. The land of Canaan was a rest for the people of God.
      2. Yet, David 500 years after Joshua showed there was still a rest.
      3. Heb. 4:7-9 “Again, he limiteth a certain day, saying in David, To day, after so long a time; as it is said, To day if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts. For if Jesus had given them rest, then would he not afterward have spoken of another day. There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God.”

   C. Jesus is the one who provides true rest.
      1. Mat. 11:28-30 “Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”
      2. Rev. 14:13 “And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them.”

Conclusion: As Jesus stated, He is the door to salvation; John 10:9 “I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture,” where we will have peace, joy, be filled with spiritual meat, and enjoy that heavenly rest.