

The Gospel According to John

“Christ: Your Door, Your Shepherd, Your Life”

John 10:7-21



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“Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep.
All who came before Me are thieves and robbers,
but the sheep did not hear them. I am the door;
if anyone enters through Me, he will be saved,
and will go in and out and find pasture.
The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy;
I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.”

John 10:11-15

“I am the good shepherd; the good shepherd lays down His life for the sheep. He who is a hired hand, and not a shepherd, who is not the owner of the sheep, sees the wolf coming, and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. He flees because he is a hired hand and is not concerned about the sheep. I am the good shepherd, and I know My own and My own know Me, even as the Father knows Me and I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep.”

John 10:16-18

“I have other sheep, which are not of this fold; I must bring them also, and they will hear My voice; and they will become one flock with one shepherd.

For this reason the Father loves Me, because I lay down My life so that I may take it again.

No one has taken it away from Me, but I lay it down on My own initiative. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again.

This commandment I received from My Father.”

John 10:19-21

A division occurred again among the Jews because of these words. Many of them were saying, “He has a demon and is insane. Why do you listen to Him?” Others were saying, “These are not the sayings of one demon-possessed. A demon cannot open the eyes of the blind, can he?”

Main Idea

Christ is your only doorway into God's kingdom, your only Shepherd who knows you fully, and your only source of life and its abundance.

Background

Ezekiel 34:11-12

For thus says the Lord GOD, “Behold, I Myself will search for My sheep and seek them out. As a shepherd cares for his herd in the day when he is among his scattered sheep, so I will care for My sheep and will deliver them from all the places to which they were scattered on a cloudy and gloomy day.”

Psalms 23

Your Door, Your Shepherd, Your Life

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John 10:7-9

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John 10:7-9

So Jesus said to them again,

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Christ is your Door.

He is your only entryway into the kingdom.

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This is another way of saying that
Jesus is the *only* way to the Father.

John 14:6

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Remember that the Exodus has been the backdrop of John's gospel, and Jesus has held Himself out as the new and better Moses leading His people into the land of promise, the land of abundance, God's glorious kingdom of priests.

Exodus 19:5-6

Now then, if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, then you shall be My own possession among all the peoples, for all the earth is Mine; and you shall be to Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.

Jesus obeyed God's voice and kept the covenant on behalf of His people and has thereby rescued us from the domain of darkness and has transferred us into His glorious kingdom of light!

Colossians 1:13-14

For He rescued us from the domain of darkness,
and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son,
in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

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He is your only access to pastureland.

John 10:9

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Going in and out is a Hebrew way of indicating a freedom and familiarity of movement that encompasses all of life.

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Pasturelands represent provision, satisfaction, comfort, enjoyment, delight.

Those who go in and out through Christ will find all the nourishment and refreshment their souls need.

Psalm 23:1-3

The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures;
He leads me beside quiet waters.

He restores my soul.

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John 10:14-15

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Jesus doesn't only know His sheep generally or only as a matter of fact. He knows them particularly and intimately as those given to Him and united to Him by the bonds of covenant love.

John 6:37

“All that the Father gives Me will come to Me,
and the one who comes to Me I will certainly not cast out.”

John 10:27 and 29

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He knows all His sheep!

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Remember the Exodus!

Exodus 19:5-6

Now then, if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, then you shall be My own possession among all the peoples, for all the earth is Mine; and you shall be to Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.

1 Peter 2:9

But you are a *chosen race*, a *royal priesthood*,
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There is one flock with one Shepherd!

Christ is your Shepherd

He knows you and all His sheep.

He laid down His life for you
and for all His sheep.

John 10:11 and 14-15

“I am the good shepherd;
the good shepherd lays down His life for the sheep.

I am the good shepherd,
and I know My own and My own know Me,
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John 11:49-52

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Jesus laid down His life on behalf of all His sheep, Jew and Gentile, and He has gathered them together into one new people in one new covenant in one new kingdom.

Ephesians 2:14-15

For He Himself is our peace, who made both groups into one and broke down the barrier of the dividing wall, by abolishing in His flesh the enmity, which is the Law of commandments contained in ordinances, so that in Himself He might make the two into one new man.

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Christ is your Shepherd

He knows you and all His sheep.

He laid down His life for you and for all His sheep.

He guards you and all His sheep.

John 10:12-15

“He who is a hired hand, and not a shepherd, who is not the owner of the sheep, sees the wolf coming, and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. He flees because he is a hired hand and is not concerned about the sheep.”

“I am the good shepherd...I lay down My life for the sheep.”

Jesus didn't flee but laid down His life and forever secured the salvation of all His sheep!

He will continue to guard all His own!

John 6:39

“This is the will of Him who sent Me,
that **of all that He has given Me I lose nothing,**
but raise it up on the last day.”

John 10:27-28

“My sheep hear My voice, and I know them,
and they follow Me; and I give eternal life to them,
and **they will never perish;**
and **no one will snatch them out of My hand.**”

Jesus is the guardian of your soul,
and He will not fail to bring all who
belong to Him home to the Father!

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John 14:6

“I am the way, and the truth, and the life.”

Christ is your Life

He came to *give* you life.

John 10:10

“I came that they may have life.”

The life that He gives results from
the Life that was given!

John 3:16

“For God so loved the world,
that **He gave His only begotten Son**,
that whoever believes in Him shall not perish,
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The life that Jesus gives is not mere existence, as if that were all that we consider to be life.

Christ is your Life

He came to give you life.

He is your source for *abundant* life.

John 10:10

“I came that they may have life,
and have it abundantly.”

What is abundant life?

The abundance of life is not the filling up of temporal and material pleasures but the filling up of the soul with spiritual blessings, the delights of God seen in and experienced through Christ.

Psalm 37:4

Delight yourself in the LORD;
And He will give you the desires of your heart.

Colossians 2:2-3

...that their hearts may be encouraged, having been knit together in love, and attaining to all the wealth that comes from the full assurance of understanding, resulting in a true knowledge of God's mystery, that is, Christ Himself, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

Ephesians 1:3

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing
in the heavenly places in Christ.

Concluding Questions

Christ is the only doorway to the Father
and to the pasturelands He provides.

Is He *your* doorway?

Christ is the only **Good** Shepherd.

Is **He** tending your life?

Christ is the only source of abundant life.

Is He *your* source?