

I Am the Door  
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- The Door

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- In your life, you're going to walk up to many kinds of doors
- Doors to happiness - or doors to sadness
- Doors to success - or doors to failure
- Doors that take us closer to Jesus - or doors that take us further away
- How do you know when it's the right door, and how do you know when it's the wrong door?
- We don't recognize them
- We're not prepared for them
- We lack the courage to go through them even if we do recognize them

The 3 most important doors in your life:

1st) The Door of **SALVATION**.

*John 10:7,9a (ESV) So Jesus again said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. ...I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved...*

- Saved from what?
- Justice
- Fairness
- God himself
- God, in righteous wrath, stands against us in our sin

*Col. 1:21 (NLT) This includes you who were once far away from God. You were his enemies, separated from him by your evil thoughts and actions*

- The glory of the gospel is that the one from whom we need to be saved is the very one who saves us

*Col. 1:22 (NLT) Yet now he has reconciled you to himself through the death of Christ in his physical body. As a result, he has brought you into his own presence, and you are holy and blameless as you stand before him without a single fault*

2nd) The Door of **FREEDOM**.

*John 10:8-9b (ESV) All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. 9 I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture.*

*Matt. 23:15 (GWT) "How horrible it will be for you, experts in Moses' Teachings and Pharisees! You hypocrites! You cross land and sea to recruit a single follower, and when you do, you make that person twice as fit for hell as you are.*

- will go in and out and find pasture
- Prison
- The biggest prisons in life aren't the physical prisons, they're the mental prisons in your mind
- A relationship can be a prison
- Debt can be a prison
- An addiction can be a prison
- Depression and anxiety can be in a prison
- He often shakes things up

*Acts 16:26 (NIV) Suddenly there was such a violent earthquake that the foundations of the prison were shaken. At once all the prison doors flew open, and everyone's chains came loose*

- Sometimes God has to shake your foundations to wake you up and set you free
- We are worshippers
- We all worship something
- God is in the business of tearing down our idols so He can set us free
- He plugs you into the power of the resurrection

*Ephesians 1:19-20 (NLT) I also pray that you will understand the incredible greatness of God's power for us who believe him. This is the same mighty power that raised Christ from the dead and seated him in the place of honor at God's right hand in the heavenly realms.*

*Luke 4:18 (NIV) He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners*

- It's a process
- A Process of renewing your mind with His word.

*Romans 12:2 (NIV) Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.*

- The more of God you get in your life, the more free you're going to be.

3rd) The Door of **LIFE**.

*John 10:10 (ESV) The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.*

Because I'm free to live:

I can stop **PRETENDING**

- People pleasing
- Perfectionism

*Proverbs 29:25 (MSG) "The fear of human opinion disables, but trusting in God protects you from that."*

I can start **FORGIVING**

A) God **HAS** forgiven me.

*Romans 8:1 (ESV) There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.*

B) Resentment makes me **MISERABLE**

*Psalms 37:8 (NIV) Refrain from anger and turn from wrath; do not fret—it leads only to evil.*

C) I'm going to **NEED** more forgiveness in the future.