

## TWO DOORS

### Part V

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**John 10:1-7 (NKJV)** <sup>1</sup> "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door, but climbs up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber. <sup>2</sup> But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. <sup>3</sup> To him the doorkeeper opens, and the sheep hear his voice; and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. <sup>4</sup> And when he brings out his own sheep, he goes before them; and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. <sup>5</sup> Yet they will by no means follow a stranger, but will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers." <sup>6</sup> Jesus used this illustration, but they did not understand the things which He spoke to them. <sup>7</sup> Then Jesus said to them again, "Most assuredly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep.

This is our 5<sup>th</sup> lesson on "Two Doors."

Last week we answered the question,

1. *"Can you lose your reward? Yes you can."*

2. *And why we are encouraged to continue in the race? You will not complete the race without continuing.*

Today lets us answer the question -

*"What do we do after we accept Christ as our personal savior"?*

*When you walk through the door of salvation, eternal life, (Jesus) what does God expect?*

**Matthew 13:44-46 (NKJV)** <sup>44</sup> "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and hid; and for joy over it he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. <sup>45</sup> "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant seeking beautiful pearls, <sup>46</sup> who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had and bought it.

Theres 30 parables in the synoptic Gospels none in John,

**parabole** (placing beside), compare natural with spiritual, to illustrate.

**Philippians 3:8 (NKJV)** <sup>8</sup> Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ

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*Why should you know the Word of God?*

*Why do we read so many scriptures?*

**Romans 1:16 (NKJV)** For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek.

**Hebrews 4:12 (NKJV)** For the word of God *is* living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

**Matthew 24:35 (NKJV)** Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away.

**Luke 11:28 (NKJV)** But He said, "More than that, blessed *are* those who hear the word of God and keep it!"

**Isaiah 55:11 (NKJV)** So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; It shall not return to Me void, But it shall accomplish what I please, And it shall prosper *in the thing* for which I sent it.

*This book could be taken from you in the future because it is divisive – It is decisive and inclusive it may be the most decisive and exclusive book ever written.*

*It proclaims its own diversity. It's not politically correct. It only unifies Christians.*

**John 1:14 (NKJV)** And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

**John 14:6 (NKJV)** Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

**Matthew 7:13-14 (NKJV)** <sup>13</sup> "Enter by the narrow gate; for wide *is* the gate and broad *is* the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. <sup>14</sup> Because narrow *is* the gate and difficult *is* the way which leads to life, and *there are few who find it.*

**Matthew 10:32-38 (NKJV)** <sup>32</sup> "Therefore whoever confesses Me before men, him I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven. <sup>33</sup> But whoever denies Me before men, him I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven. <sup>34</sup> *"Do not think that I came to bring peace on earth. I did not come to bring peace but a sword.* <sup>35</sup> For I have come to 'set a man against his father, a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law'; <sup>36</sup> and 'a man's enemies will be those of his own household.'<sup>37</sup> He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me. <sup>38</sup> And he who does not **take his cross** and follow after Me is not worthy of Me.

**Matthew 16:24 (NKJV)** Then Jesus said to His disciples, "If anyone desires to come after Me, **let him deny himself**, and **take up his cross**, and **follow Me**.

*Three things to remember as I read the verses below:*

1. The soul is saved, **Romans 10:9-10**
2. The spirit is sanctified, **John 17:19 (NKJV)** And for their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they also may be sanctified by the truth.
3. The flesh is to be crucified, **Gal 2:20**

*The flesh is not saved. Sometime at death or at the resurrection, the flesh becomes glorified. Until then, we are to keep it crucified.*

**Galatians 2:20 (NKJV)** I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the *life* which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

**Romans 6:6 (NKJV)** knowing this, that our old man was crucified with *Him*, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin.

**Matthew 16:24 (NKJV)** Then Jesus said to His disciples, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me.

We will look at some verses that appear to be difficult and only for the spiritual mature, but first a prelude to it.

**1 Corinthians 3:1-4 (NKJV)** <sup>1</sup> And I, brethren, could not speak to you as to spiritual *people* but as to carnal, as to babes in Christ. <sup>2</sup> I fed you with milk and not with solid food; for until now you were not able *to receive it*, and even now you are still not able; <sup>3</sup> for you are still carnal. For where *there are* envy, strife, and divisions among you, are you not carnal and behaving like *mere* men? <sup>4</sup> For when one says, "I am of Paul," and another, "I *am* of Apollos," are you not carnal?

**Hebrews 5:11-14 (NKJV)** <sup>11</sup> of whom we have much to say, and hard to explain, since you have become dull of hearing. <sup>12</sup> For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need *someone* to teach you again the first principles of the oracles of God; and you have come to need milk and not solid food. <sup>13</sup> For everyone who partakes *only* of milk *is* unskilled in the word of righteousness,

for he is a babe. <sup>14</sup> But solid food belongs to those who are of full age, *that is*, those who by reason of use have their senses exercised **to discern both good and evil.**

**Hebrews 6:1-6 (NKJV)** <sup>1</sup> Therefore, leaving the discussion of the elementary *principles* of Christ, let us go on to perfection, not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God, <sup>2</sup> of the doctrine of baptisms, of laying on of hands, of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment. <sup>3</sup> And this we will do if God permits. <sup>4</sup> For *it is impossible* for those who were **once enlightened**, and have **tasted the heavenly gift**, and have become **partakers of the Holy Spirit**, <sup>5</sup> and have **tasted the good word of God** and the **powers of the age to come**, <sup>6</sup> **if they fall away**, to **renew** them again to repentance, since they **crucify again** for themselves the Son of God, and put *Him* to an **open shame**.

*Who wrote this book?*

*Tertullian said Barnabas===Martin Luther implied Apollos===I said Paul.*

**Three things to remember:**

1. The book of Hebrews was written to and for the Hebrews – (Jewish)
2. The book of Hebrews was written to and for the Hebrew converts to Christianity
3. The book of Hebrews was written to and for the Hebrew converts - those who had or were tempted to return to Judaism (its rites & rituals)

**Adam Clarks comments.**

1. I do not consider them as having any reference to any person professing Christianity.
2. They do not belong, nor are they applicable, to backsliders of any kind.
3. They belong to apostates from Christianity; to such as reject the whole Christian system, and its author, the Lord Jesus.

- 4. And to those of them only who join with the blaspheming Jews, call Christ an imposter, and vindicate his murderers in having crucified him as a malefactor; and thus they render their salvation impossible, by willfully and maliciously rejecting the Lord that bought them.**

**No man believing in the Lord Jesus Christ as the great sacrifice for sins, and acknowledging Christianity as a Divine Revelation, is here intended.**