

TWO DOORS

Part II

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Walter and Elizabeth are their names. Walter is a traveling companion to the apologist [Ravi Zacharias](#) . When Elizabeth became pregnant about six years ago the doctors were adamant and told her the baby had Down Syndrome and she needed to eradicate it. She said no. They insisted, and each visit she would hear the same words. "We are one hundred percent sure it is Down syndrome. You need to eradicate this baby." She said no. That baby is now a five year old little boy. **Not only were they 100% wrong, he is a brilliant little boy.** Recently, while riding the back seat with his parents he said, "Daddy, tell mommy how beautiful she is. Walter said, "You're beautiful." He said, "No, you're telling her like a friend. Tell her like she's your wife. Say, "Elizabeth, you're beautiful." So Walter said it.

A few days ago he walked into the room and told his mother, "Mom, I feel that God is speaking to me to go to Burger King today." Elizabeth said, "God did not speak to me about going to Burger King." And he said to his mother, "So when God speaks to others, He has to confirm it with you?" And she said, "Yes, when it's going to Burger King." He left and went into the other room and came back in a short time. He said, "Mom, are you sure you can hear from God?"

The doctors were 100% sure, but they were 100% wrong.

Praise God for the door that Walter and Elizabeth chose to walk through!

John 10:1-7 (NKJV) ¹"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. ² But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. ³ To him the doorkeeper opens, and the sheep hear his voice; and he calls his own sheep

by name and leads them out. ⁴ And when he brings out his own sheep, he goes before them; and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. ⁵ Yet they will by no means follow a stranger, but will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers." ⁶ Jesus used this illustration, but they did not understand the things which He spoke to them. ⁷ Then Jesus said to them again, "Most assuredly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep.

John 10:1

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.

John 3:3 (NKJV) Jesus answered and said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."

[I say unto you] The Pharisees professed to be the guides or shepherds of the people. Jesus, in the close of the last chapter, had charged them with being blind, and of course of being unqualified to lead the people. He proceeds here to state the character of a true shepherd, to show what a hireling was, and to declare that he was the true shepherd and guide of his people.

This is called (**John 10:6**) a parable, and it is a beautiful illustration of the office of the Messiah, drawn from an employment well known in Judea. The Messiah was **predicted** under the image of a shepherd. **Ezek 34:23; 37:24; Zech 13:7.**

At the close of the discourse they asked him whether he were the Messiah, **John 10:24 (NKJV)** Then the Jews surrounded Him and said to Him, "How long do You keep us in doubt? If You are the Christ, tell us plainly."

[**Into the sheepfold**] The sheepfold was an enclosure made in fields where the sheep were collected by night to defend them from robbers, wolves, etc. It was not commonly covered, as the seasons in Judea were mild. By the figure here we are to understand the Jewish people, or the church of God, which is often likened to a flock, **Ezek 34:1-19; Jer 23:1-4; Zech 13:1.**

By the door, here, is meant the Lord Jesus Christ, **John 10:7,9**. He is "the way, the truth, and the life," **John 14:6**. And, as the only proper way of entering the fold was by the door, so the only way of entering the church is by believing on him and obeying his commandments. The particular application of this place, however, is to religious teachers, who cannot enter properly on the duties of teaching and guarding the flock except by the Lord Jesus that is, in the way which he has appointed. The Pharisees claimed to be pastors, but not under his appointment. They entered some other way. The true pastors of the church are those who enter by the influences of the Spirit of Jesus, and in the manner which he has appointed.

[Some other way] Either at a window or over the wall.

[A thief] One who silently and secretly takes away the property of another.

[A robber] One who does it by violence or bloodshed. Jesus here designates those pastors or ministers of religion who are influenced not by love to him, but who seek the office from ambition, or the love of power, or wealth, or ease; who come, not to promote the welfare of the church, but to promote their own interests. To all of these Jesus gives the names of thieves and robbers.

Once you enter this door of salvation are you secure in Christ?
Is there conditions? Good question, what does the scripture say?

Remember- This is my bible----

Jude 1:24-25 (NKJV) ²⁴ Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, And to present *you* faultless Before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy, ²⁵ To God our Savior, Who alone is wise, *Be* glory and majesty, Dominion and power, Both now and **forever**. Amen.

2nd Chron 16:9 For the eyes of the LORD range throughout the earth to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to him

Matthew 22:34-40 (NKJV) ³⁴ But when the Pharisees heard that He had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together. ³⁵ Then one of them, a lawyer, asked *Him a question*, testing Him, and saying, ³⁶ "Teacher, which *is* the great commandment in the law?" ³⁷ Jesus said to him, "'*You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.*' ³⁸ This is the first and great commandment. ³⁹ And *the second is* like it: '*You shall love your neighbor as yourself.*' ⁴⁰ On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets."

John 10:27-30 (NIV) ²⁷ My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸ I give them eternal life (**who?**), and they shall never perish (**who?**); no one can snatch them out of my hand (**who?**). ²⁹ My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand. (**Who?**) ³⁰ I and the Father are one."

What is he talking about? Is there a stipulation?

Colossians 1:21-23 (NKJV) ²¹ And you, who once were alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now He has reconciled ²² in the body of His flesh through death, to present you holy, and blameless, and above reproach in His sight-- ²³ if indeed you **continue** in the faith, grounded and steadfast, and are not moved away from the hope of the gospel which you heard, which was preached to every creature under heaven, of which I, Paul, became a minister.

Colossians 2:6 (NKJV) As you have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him,(a continuation)

Colossians 2:6 (NIV) So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in him, (again a continuation)

2 Thessalonians 3:4 (NIV) We have confidence in the Lord that you are doing and will continue to do the things we command.

1 Peter 4:19 (NIV) So then, those who suffer according to God's will should commit themselves to their faithful Creator and continue to do good.

1 John 3:9-10 (NIV) ⁹ No one who is born of God will continue to sin, because God's seed remains in him; he cannot go on sinning, because he has been born of God. ¹⁰ This is how we know who the children of God are and who the children of the devil are: Anyone who does not do what is right is not a child of God; nor is anyone who does not love his brother.

1 Peter 1:23-25 (NIV) ²³ For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God. ²⁴ For, "All men are like grass, and all their glory is like the flowers of the field; the grass withers and the flowers fall, ²⁵ but the word of the Lord stands forever." And this is the word that was preached to you.

1 John 5:18-21 (NIV) ¹⁸ We know that anyone born of God does not continue to sin; the one who was born of God keeps him safe, and the evil one cannot harm him. ¹⁹ We know that we are children of God, and that the whole world is under the control of the evil one. ²⁰ We know also that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding, so that we may know him who is true. And we are in him who is true--even in his Son Jesus Christ. He is the true God and eternal life. ²¹ Dear children, keep yourselves from idols.