**I’LL TAKE WHAT’S BEHIND THOSE DOORS**

**John 10:7-9**

[**7**](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/John-10-7/) **Then said Jesus unto them again, Verily, verily, I say unto you, I am the door of the sheep.** [**8**](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/John-10-8/) **All that ever came before me are thieves and robbers: but the sheep did not hear them.** [**9**](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/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.**

**INTRO:**

**Illustration: Most of us are old enough to remember an old game show called “*Let’s Make A Deal.*”  On that show, the host would try to get the contestants to trade something they had already won for something they could not see.  It was something that was hidden behind door number one, door number two or door number three.  Sometimes when they chose to trade what they already had for that which they could not see, they ended up with a gag prize that was totally worthless.  However, there were times when their gamble paid off big.**

**Application: When it comes to the Lord Jesus Christ, He is asking men to trade their old sin-filled lives for a life that is brand new.  He asks us to trade a life that is worthless for a life that is spotless.  When a person comes to Jesus by faith, they receive some very special blessings.  There are no gag gifts!  There are no disappointments.  There is nothing but blessing in Him.**

**1. I’ll Take What is Behind the Door of Our Christ**

 **a. Salvation is Behind the Door of Christ (I am the Way!)**

 **b. Sureness is Behind the Door of Christ (I am the Truth!)**

 **c. Satisfaction is Behind the Door of Christ (I am the Life!)**

**2. I’ll Take What is Behind the Doors of Our Church**

 **a. Many want a Compromising Church.**

 **b. Many want a Contemporary Church.**

 **c. Many want a Catering Church.**

 **d. Many want a Costless Church.**

 **e. Many want a Concert Church.**

**\*\*I’ll take what’s behind the doors of our church where the Spirit is, the Savior is, and the Scripture is being provided!**

**3. I’ll Take What is Behind the Doors of Our Christianity**

**\*\*My Christianity is based on the Blood and the Bible of Christ; therefore, . . .**

 **a. My Christianity gives me a Direction.**

**(His Way Directs my Steps!)**

 **b. My Christianity gives me a Definition.**

**(His Truth Defines my Soul!)**

 **c. My Christianity gives me a Destination.**

**(His Life Destines my Stay!)**

**\*\*I’ll take what’s behind the doors of Christ, the Church, and the Christianity that’s in my life any day over the worldly, wicked, and worthless life that I had before I walked through His Door!**

**\*\*I know what is behind these doors that I’ve walked through, and I walked through them by faith. You will have to do the same. However, I want to explain what is behind these doors of Our Christ, Our Church, and Our Christianity!**

**\*\*If you’re not a Christian, I hope you will say before the day is over, “I’ll Take What’s Behind Those Doors!”**

**I. THE BLESSINGS OF LIFE ARE BEHIND THESE DOORS**

 **A. It’s a Pardoned Life**

**Ephesians 2:13-14 [13](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Ephesians-2-13/%22%20%5Co%20%22Ephesians%202%3A13%20KJV%20verse%20detail) But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ.** [**14**](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Ephesians-2-14/) **For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition *between us*;**

**\*\*He pardoned me from . . .**

 **1. The Presence of Sin that was in my Life!**

 **2. The Power of Sin that was in my Life!**

 **3. The Penalty of Sin that was in my Life!**

**\*\*This is why I’ll take what’s behind the door of Christ!**

 **B. It’s a Prosperous Life**

**John 10:10b  I am come that they might have life, and that they might have *it* more abundantly.**

 **1. It’s an abundant life with the Power of God!**

 **2. It’s an abundant life with the Peace of God!**

 **3. It’s an abundant life with the Presence of God!**

**\*\*This is why I’ll take what’s behind the doors of our Church!**

 **C. It’s a Permanent Life**

 **1. It’s an Evergreen Life**

 **a. His life in me means I’m not Dead!**

 **b. His life in me means I’m not Doomed!**

 **2. It’s an Eternal Life**

**John 10:28 And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any *man* pluck them out of my hand.**

**\*\*This is why I’ll take what’s behind the door of our Christianity!**

**\*\*Behind these doors is a Pardoned, Prosperous, and Permanent Life! I’ll take that over what I used to be!**

**II. THE BLESSINGS OF LIBERTY IS BEHIND THESE DOORS**

**II Corinthians 3:17 Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord *is*, there *is* liberty.**

 **A. Behind these Doors there’s Liberty to Worship**

 **1. Freedom from Sin lets us worship the Lord freely!**

**Romans 8:21 Because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God.**

 **2. Freedom from Satan lets us worship the Lord Freely!**

 **3. Freedom from Systems lets us worship the Lord Freely!**

 **a. Religions are systems that will hinder worship.**

 **b. Rituals are systems that will hinder worship.**

 **B. Behind these Doors there’s Liberty to Work**

[**James 2:26**](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/James-2-26/)**- For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.**

 **1. We have the Desire to Work for God.**

[**Proverbs 16:3**](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Proverbs-16-3/)**- Commit thy works unto the LORD, and thy thoughts shall be established.**

 **2. We have the Design to Work for God.**

[**Ephesians 2:10**](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Ephesians-2-10/)**- For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.**

 **3. We have the Decree to Work for God.**

**Matthew 5:16 - Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.**

**\*\*Behind these doors there is Liberty to Worship the Lord and Work for the Lord! I’ll take that over what I used to be!**

**III. THE BLESSINGS OF LUXURY IS BEHIND THESE DOORS**

 **A. We have the Luxury of His Relationship!**

**\*\*Many are acquainted with Christ, but not everybody has a relationship with Christ!**

**\*\*To have a relationship with Christ, you must walk through His door!**

 **1. Our relationship with Christ continues through Prayers!**

 **2. Our relationship with Christ continues through Praise!**

 **3. Our relationship with Christ continues through Provisions!**

**Philippians 4:19 But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.**

 **B. We have the Luxury of His Rest!**

[**Matthew 11:29**](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Matthew-11-29/)**- 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.**

 **1. We can rest in His Promises.**

 **2. We can rest in His Peace.**

 **3. We can rest in His Presence.**

[**Exodus 33:14**](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Exodus-33-14/)**- And he said, My presence shall go with thee, and I will give thee rest.**

**\*\*Behind the doors of Christ, the Church, and Christianity I have found rest in His Promises, Peace, and Presences!**

 **C. We have the Luxury of His Refreshments!**

**\*\*Thank God I can get refreshed through the Lord!**

 **1. In Him I get a Refreshing Strength.**

[**Isaiah 41:10**](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Isaiah-41-10/)**a - Fear thou not; for I [am] with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee;**

 **2. In Him I get a Refreshing Stability.**

**Isaiah 41:10b - . . . yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness.**

**\*\*Behind these doors there are Luxuries in the Relationship, the Rest, and the Refreshment the Lord provides His bride! I’ll take that over what I used to have in the world cause there was no relationship! There was no rest; there was no refreshment when I was without Christ, without the church, and without Christianity!**

**CLOSE**

**\*\*We are blessed people only because we walked through the doors the Lord open to us.**

**\*\*If you are lost today or out of God’s will, there’s not but only one way to get through these doors! You must knock on the Door!**

**\*\*When the door opens you must walk through the doors that open to receive the Goodness of God and the Grace of God!**

**\*\*Are you standing at the door, Jesus Christ, today trying to decide whether to knock or not or enter or not? Come and pray and knock on the door and ask Him to take you in, and walk through these doors! Do it now!**