

PRESENT TRUTH

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For this reason I will not be negligent to remind you always of these things, though you know and are established in the present truth. (2 Peter 1:12 NKJV)

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The Door to the Father

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Introduction

Jesus called Himself a door, specifically the door to the sheepfold and that the doorkeeper (the Holy Spirit) would open the door for the true shepherds to enter and lead the sheep.

John 10:9 NASB

(9) "I am the door; if anyone enters through Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture.

Jesus also referred to Himself in another way in relation to the Father.

John 14:6 NASB

(6) Jesus *said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me.

No one comes to the Father without going through Jesus. This makes Jesus the door to the Father and anyone who would come to the Father cannot bypass the door. However, Jesus described Himself in three aspects—the way, the truth, the life—as the door to the Father. What did He mean by this?

The Tabernacle

In the Old Testament the Tabernacle was a representation, a model, of the True Tabernacle in the Heavens [*Hebrews 8:2-5*]. There were three components of its construction: the Outer Court, the Holy Place and the Holy of Holies. Each component had its own entrance or doorway and contained its own furniture according to the design designation of the Lord. Since the Tabernacle is a physical example of spiritual truth, everything associated with it is an expression or type of spiritual truth.

Jesus fulfilled all of the typology of the Tabernacle including His designation as “the Door”. There are three aspects to His function as the Door. Jesus is *the Way* into the Outer Court. He is

the doorway of *the Truth* into the Holy Place and He is the entrance of *the Life* into the Holy of Holies.

When Jesus was resurrected He was going to His Father [*John 20:17*] where He was to enter the Holy of Holies of the Heavenly Tabernacle as our High Priest carrying His own Blood to offer as an atonement.

Hebrews 9:11-12 NASB

- (11) But when Christ appeared *as* a high priest of the good things to come, *He entered* through the greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this creation;
- (12) and not through the blood of goats and calves, but through His own blood, He entered the holy place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption.

Following Jesus

As disciples of Jesus we are to follow Him. His journey ends with the Father. When we follow Him our journey also ends with the Father. Jesus expressed His goal that we and Him would be one with the Father.

John 17:20-23 NASB

- (20) "I do not ask on behalf of these alone, but for those also who believe in Me through their word;
- (21) that they may all be one; even as You, Father, *are* in Me and I in You, that they also may be in Us, so that the world may believe that You sent Me.
- (22) "The glory which You have given Me I have given to them, that they may be one, just as We are one;
- (23) I in them and You in Me, that they may be perfected in unity, so that the world may know that You sent Me, and loved them, even as You have loved Me.

This journey to the Father begins with Jesus as the Way, which allows us to enter the Outer Court where we immediately face the altar of sacrifice upon which we present our bodies as living sacrifices [*Romans 12:1*]. We then proceed to the water of the Laver of Brass to have our hearts sprinkled clean with the water of the Word [*Hebrews 10:22*]. We are now ready to enter the Holy Place but we enter by the way of Jesus as the Truth.

John 8:31-32 NASB

- (31) So Jesus was saying to those Jews who had believed Him, "If you continue in My word, *then you are truly disciples of Mine;*
- (32) *and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free."*

Jesus said to those who had believed to continue in His word which would make them His disciples who would then know the truth which would make them free. This is the work that is accomplished in us in the Holy Place when we enter through Jesus as truth. [*For more detail about the process of the Holy Spirit's work in us in the Holy Place see "[The Restoration of the](#)*

[Inner Man](#)”.]

The next step of our journey with Jesus is into the Holy of Holies, the dwelling place of the Father, the Throne of God. It is the Life of Jesus that is our door to the Father.

Hebrews 10:19-20 NKJV

(19) Therefore, brethren, having boldness to enter the Holiest by the blood of Jesus,

(20) by a new and living way which He consecrated for us, through the veil, that is, His flesh,

We come in fellowship with the Father and the Son in the Holy of Holies fulfilling the Lord's prayer that we might be one in Him.

The Objectives

All that the Lord is doing in us has an ultimate objective—that we might be one in Him. His intention is that we would be summed up into One New Man, the Living Temple indwelt by the Holy Spirit. Jesus is the door to the fulfillment of this objective and each aspect of Jesus as the Way, the Truth and the Life also has an objective that moves us toward the Father's ultimate intention.

Jesus as the Way cleanses, justifies, sanctifies and makes us holy.

Jesus as the Truth transforms us by the renewing of our minds and sets us free to serve Him.

Jesus as the Life gives us Eternal Life and brings us into fellowship and unity with the Father.

This is the narrow path that leads to life eternal and Jesus is the narrow gate or door to the path to the Father. Let us not stray from His path.

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