

THE GATE



THE LORD SAID, "I AM THE WAY, THE TRUTH AND & THE LIFE"

The Lord Jesus is the only provision God has made where with He can save people and build the Body of Christ. The Lord is salvation. But yet He is far more the Lord is the entry into fellowship with the Divine Godhead. He is the Gate, the way into the presence and enjoyment of all that God is. As you enter through the Gate you come across several pieces of 'furniture'. Every piece and minute detail will speak to the 'spiritual' person as a picture of Christ, the action involved gives us a photo album detailing the Work of Christ. The items given in the list that follows are all links to the page they describe:

1. [altar](#) - salvation through the blood of substitute (Calvary)
2. [laver](#) - cleansing by the water/Holy Spirit. The Baptist "I use water, He uses the Holy Spirit." Jn 1:32 cleansing from the power and vileness of sin = renewal and regeneration, not cleaning up the old- Titus 3:5 (Pentecost)
3. [table of showbread](#) - bread of life, *means* of sustenance/life -(picture of the Lord)
4. [lampstand](#) - light, *source* of life " " " "
5. [altar of incense](#) - intercession of High Priest (prays for us) at right hand of God now. "saved to the uttermost to make intercession for us..."
6. [ark/mercy seat](#) - Whom God seat forth as our mercy seat/propitiation = where we meet God. God provided a sacrifice and man is welcome in the presence of God at the mercy seat = Lord Jesus Christ where we can now come boldly into the presence of God. [The tabernacle court and gate reveals that if you want fellowship with God, you must come god's way through the gate.](#) The white linen surrounding the court told all that this was holy ground.

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.

At the east end of the tabernacle was a gate unto God's presence where God's glory could be enjoyed in the peace and rest of the tabernacle. To receive blessing, you must enter in. [This was the residence of holy God and was to remind man of his unholy state.](#) "If any man" = all are welcome, but must "enter the true door = by me". "If enter" = not automatic salvation, each must enter willingly, knowingly.

Luke 13:23-28; Then said one unto him, Lord, are there few that be saved? And he said unto them, **Strive to enter in at the strait gate:** for many, I say unto you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be able. When once the master of the house is risen up, and hath shut to the door, and ye begin to stand without, and to knock at the door, saying, Lord, Lord, open unto us; and he shall answer and say unto you, I know you not whence ye are: Then shall ye begin to say, We have eaten and drunk in thy presence, and thou hast taught in our streets. **But he shall say, I tell you, I know you not whence ye are; depart from me, all ye workers of iniquity.** There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when ye shall see Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, and all the prophets, in the kingdom of God, and you yourselves thrust out.

What eternal benefits do joining church, performing rites, hearing sermons , etc. bring? The way in (salvation) is by coming personally to the Lord Jesus Christ and knowing him and him knowing me.

John 10:26-28; But ye believe not, because ye are not of my sheep, as I said unto you. **My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish,** neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand.

Matt 7:13-14; Enter ye in at the strait gate: **for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.**

If you still live a "do as you please" life you have entered the wrong gate. Few find the straight gate leading to the narrow path of salvation. How can one be sure they have entered into the way of life? It is entered only by **knowing** the Lord Jesus Christ!

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Nicodemus knew the law, but it did not provide eternal life. He came to Jesus and stood "at the gate." Nicodemus recognized Jesus as a teacher from God. Yet, until Nicodemus personally entered in the gate, he could not have eternal life:

John 3:3-7; Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, **Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.** Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born? Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, **Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.** That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Marvel not that I said unto thee, **Ye must be born again.**

If Nicodemus did not believe earthly thoughts, how could he believe heavenly thoughts of the one sent to provide salvation. **We must believe the one God sent down from heaven to earth to be the door unto eternal life.** The door is here on earth today for all lost souls. There is no "future door" to be opened in heaven at a later date. "If any man enter in, he shall be saved." Each must confess Jesus as Lord and enter in personally. We are brought near by the blood of Christ.

Eph 2:13; But now **in Christ Jesus** ye who sometimes were far off **are made nigh by the blood of Christ.**

The way to God begins at Calvary's cross when a sinner comes to Jesus for new life. When we first enter the gate of the tabernacle we see the brazen altar first reminding us of this truth. There are **two sides to the gate** that opens in, **those "in Christ"** and those **outside the gate under the wrath of God.** Do we make others see the reality of entering into God's holy presence or remaining outside the gate for eternity?

Heb 6:18-19; That by two immutable things, in which it was impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation, **who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us:**
Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which entereth into that within the veil;