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## CHRIST THE DOOR INTO THE CHURCH

This parable spake Jesus unto them: but they understood not what things they were which he spake unto them. Then said Jesus unto them again, Verily, verily, I say unto you, I am the door of the sheep. All that ever came before me are thieves and robbers: but the sheep did not hear them. I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture. The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.—John 10:6-10

CHRIST IS THE KINDEST OF ALL teachers. He was speaking to a crowd of ignorant and prejudiced Jews, and yet how kindly he deals with them. He told them one parable, but they understood not. 'This parable spake Jesus unto them; but they understood not what things they were he spake unto them.' And yet, we are told, Christ spake unto them again. He hath given them a description of the true and false shepherd, and the door into the sheepfold; but they seem to have been at loss to know what the door meant; therefore he says, 'Verily, verily, I say unto you, I am the door of the sheep.' You see how kindly he tries to instruct them. My brethren, Christ is the same kind of teacher still. Are there not many stupid, and prejudiced persons here? And yet has not he given you 'precept upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little' (Isaiah 13:28). He has broken down the bread for you. **AMEN.**

### **Robert Murray McCheyne (1813-1843)**

*“And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.” Matthew 28:18 – 20*

