

Lessons through a windshield Part VI

International Symbol of Access



Ephesians 2:12-19 V 18

Intro: I would imagine anyone with a handicap or bound to a wheelchair probably feels a sense of relief when they see this sign.

For our use today I want to think about this symbol at the head of the ramp leading to the narrow road. Here we find that it offers access to several things. First to

A. **Salvation** John 3:16 says whosoever. This means any one who wants to, can use this ramp. In this case we are all spiritually crippled.

Thought: It is impossible to drive in the wrong direction and arrive at the right destination.

Have you availed yourself of this salvation? As you approach the end of these pages you will find the way to this salvation you may be looking for

B. Then there is access to **freedom** Galatians 5:1-12 V 1

Thought: There are many who have gained access to the narrow road but have never gained access to their freedom in Christ.

They are driving along this narrow road trying to keep themselves saved. This symbol of access allows us to ride down the narrow road but it also allows us access to the freedom from the fear of ditching the vehicle.

It is God's job to save us and it is also his job to keep us. If it were up to us, it wouldn't take much to ditch the vehicle and no wonder we are edgy. For example, how big a hole does it take to pop a balloon?

The balloon reminds me of the law and trying to stay on the narrow road, by working to try and **stay saved**, instead of accessing my freedom to let Christ keep me.

It doesn't take much for me to wreck. Just a little bit. **ONLY A PIN PRICK**. James 4:10 explains it this way *For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles in one point, he has become guilty of all.*

Freedom in Christ is much better if I will only follow the sign and access it for my life. How about you my friend, Are you free in Christ??

C. The there is access to **hope**. Romans 8:24,25

The church hymn The Solid Rock is a hymn of hope. Notice just a few of its words:

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Refrain:

On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand.

Life's problems are only temporary, the best is yet to come so don't lose hope.

Romans 5:3-5 V 5 says hope does not disappoint. Have you accessed your hope in Christ? If not, why not follow the sign?

D. The sign also points towards access to **opportunity** John 9:1-4 V4

Ralph Waldo Emerson said "No great man ever complained for want of opportunity"

Thought: Do not wait for extraordinary circumstances to do good, try to use ordinary circumstances. You can't do this unless you follow the sign and access any opportunities that come your way. (great or small)

Thought: Today is a once-in-a lifetime opportunity that comes everyday.

Finally this sign remind me of

E. Access to **heaven** This sign is posted over the portals of the celestial city to be used by all who accessed the narrow road by the blood of Christ and traveled it in His power.

That my friend is a sign of great relief when we struggle through the obstacle course of life. Been using it lately for access to some of the things we have been thinking about today??

One last thought. If you are disabled by sin and hopelessness why not read just a few more lines and find access to the hope and eternal life offered by the Lord Jesus. Just

Realize you are a sinner Romans 3:23

Understand that the payday for sin is death or eternal conscious separation from God.
Romans 6:23a

Know that there is a way of escape for you. Romans 6:23b and John 1:12

Desire to escape and pray this or a similar prayer.

"Dear God, I know I am a sinner. I am truly sorry for my sins, and I confess them all to You [name them]. Lord Jesus, forgive all my sins and come into my heart as my Saviour and Lord. I receive You right now. Help me from this time forward to live for You. Thank You for hearing and answering my prayer. In Jesus' name. Amen."

On the _____ day of _____ I became a Christian by inviting Jesus Christ into my life to forgive my sin.

Signed: _____

If you have further questions or have chosen to do this, be sure to let us know so we can help you, pray for you and encourage you in your new life.

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