When a student finds himself at the time of the final months of high school, he views with concern the future, which looms before him. C. S. Lewis wrote an interesting volume concerning his early adult life, “All My Road Before Me”. Everyone comes to this chapter in his life. It may be mused, “Should I go on to university, even though it would appear to be a financial impossibility? Do I have the strength and the stamina? Will God permit me to leave home, family, friends, and church to walk new and unknown paths?”

When I was at that point of decision, I applied for a scholarship at the prestigious University of Michigan. At my interview, I was asked what my aim in life consisted of. Strangely enough I truly did not know what I wanted to become. The years of the Great Depression had removed from many, much of what might be termed “optimistic ambition”, largely because of lack of funding projects associated with ambition and hope. My reply was that I hoped to become a Latin teacher or perhaps an editorial writer for a newspaper.

I did not receive the scholarship. The young man who received the honor had stated his ambition to become a physician. As he stood at the threshold of hope, for some reason, he determined to procrastinate and to not accept the award. Thus, the scholarship was given to me. With God's help, I stepped through the door of opportunity despite much negative reasoning. During the unfolding of days, it became obvious that God's Word, which states, "With God, nothing is impossible" continued to be true, despite all agnosticism and cynicism of our age.

Now, as a surgeon, I have seen many stand hesitant at the door of hope. There was a nurse whom I advised to have radical breast surgery for carcinoma. She elected to reject my advice and any thought of surgery, eventuating in her losing her life. Life and hope were offered, but fear and doubt prevailed. This is much like the life, which Jesus offers to unbelievers. Because of doubt and the lure of the transitory magnetism of the world, Christ is rejected. Life and truth are offered to mankind, but the materialism of the world takes precedence over the Divine Spirit-anointed mind.

“Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision” is stated in Joel 3:14. “For the day of the Lord is near in the valley of decision.” Today man is standing upon the threshold of hope. “The Lord will be the hope of His people…” God is our “place of repair, our harbor.” We are saved by hope. “He that ploweth shall plow in hope.” “Christ in you is the hope of glory.” Our hope is “an anchor of our soul.”

Why then does modern man not enter in? It has been written, “Men and women of all climes and races are still in bondage to material sense, ignorant how to obtain their freedom.” In going in the direction of the world and thus proclaiming personal freedom, man enters into the bondage of the god of this world (II Corinthians 4:4), and he thus rejects the true giver of life and liberty, Jesus Christ.

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At Christian Medical Foundation we proclaim Jesus Christ the Lord and giver of life. We lift Him up as Savior and as man's healer. We believe in medicine and in surgery, but we seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness. God's healing love to us is not secondary, tertiary, or peripheral, but He is primary in thought and in action. We have walked through the doorway of hope and have found His salvation, His wholeness, and His glory. "We wait for the redemption of our bodies from sensuality and the grave, which will reveal our manifestation as God's sons. For in this hope we were saved." Romans 8:23

We stand on the threshold of hope. The doorway is open. Will we walk through? Jesus is Himself the doorway. He is also the way, the truth and the life. He is the doorway to eternal life, to heaven on earth, and heaven to come. Solzhenitsyn defined the doorway as a filter, which every person must pass through. In going through, our "sinful bodies are made clean by His body and our souls are cleansed through His most precious blood, that we may forever live in Him and He in us." We go over the threshold becoming new creations in Christ, "all the old things have passed away, all things are become new." The Christ bought life in God's Spirit overcomes the transient life, which we inherited through Adam, the life of the tree of knowledge of good and evil.

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