

McCoy Memorial Baptist Church

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Title: "Jesus: The Good Shepherd" (John 10:1-30)

#### INTRODUCTION:

1. No metaphor is more widely used throughout the Bible to explain the relationship between God & His people than the metaphor of a shepherd and his sheep.
2. Probably the most familiar passage in the N.T. using the shepherd/sheep metaphor is John 10.
3. There are three specific ministries the Good Shepherd performs on behalf of His sheep.

*The Good Shepherd . . .*

#### **PROVIDES \_\_\_\_\_ FOR HIS SHEEP**

He does this by laying down His life for them, a thought emphasized five times in the passage (vss. 11, 14, 17 and twice in vs. 18). On the cross, Jesus the Good Shepherd made the perfect payment for sin.

1. It was a \_\_\_\_\_ payment (esp. vs. 18).
2. It was a \_\_\_\_\_ payment (vss. 11, 15)
3. It was a \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ payment (vs. 16)
4. It was a \_\_\_\_\_ payment (vs. 18; cp. Heb. 10:1-14).

*The Good Shepherd . . .*

\_\_\_\_\_ **EACH OF HIS SHEEP BY** \_\_\_\_\_ (vss. 1-5).

1. The sheep know the shepherd's \_\_\_\_\_ (vss. 3, 4, 5, 16, 27)
2. In addition, each sheep has a \_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 3)
3. In John 10:1-15 the sheep pen is \_\_\_\_\_.
4. The "other sheep" referred to are \_\_\_\_\_.
5. In verse 16, we observe an important change from the sheep pen of Judaism to the "one flock" (the \_\_\_\_\_) composed of Jew and Gentile made one "in Christ" (see Eph. 2:11-22).

*The Good Shepherd . . .*

**SECURELY \_\_\_\_\_ HIS SHEEP** (vss. 27-30).

"No one can snatch them out of my hand" (28) & "No one can snatch them out of my Father's hand" (29) *means* "I give them eternal life, & they shall never perish." In other words, the security of the sheep is the Father & Son's highest priority. Your salvation is not (was not) an after-thought.

**Rom. 8:29-30** - The apostle Paul used five words to describe God's great works on our behalf. These five verbs form links in an unbreakable chain.

"For those God **foreknew** he also **predestined** to be conformed to the likeness of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. And those he predestined, he also **called**; those he called, he also **justified**; those he justified, he also **glorified**."

OBSERVATIONS:

- The first two links in the chain begin *in eternity past*, the 3rd and 4th take place *on earth*, and the 5th and last link occurs *in heaven*.
- God is the \_\_\_\_\_ of each of these verbs.  
*That means He does all the acting. We are the objects, we do all the receiving. We are "acted upon" by God. And what He begins He finishes!*
- Each of these verbs is in the \_\_\_\_\_ tense.  
*God writes the future as if it were history. Looked at from His point of view we are already in heaven.*

IMPLICATIONS:

- 1) God's \_\_\_\_\_ in the salvation of His "sheep".
- 2) The \_\_\_\_\_ security of ev'ry believer (see Rom. 8:31-39).

APPLICATION: Jesus' use of sheep imagery in John 10:26-29 provide us with four qualities of genuine believers:

1. They are \_\_\_\_\_ to His voice
2. They are \_\_\_\_\_ to His leadership
3. They are \_\_\_\_\_ confident of their destiny
4. They are \_\_\_\_\_ in the Shepherd's strong & loving arms.