

ARE YOU SECURE?

John 10:7-14, 27-30

Jesus Christ is the Great I Am. Whatever it is we need; He is the one who can meet that need. Do you need salvation? The very name “Jesus” means I AM your salvation. Do you need to know the way to Heaven? Jesus said, “I am the way.” Are you searching for the entrance to Heaven? Jesus said, “I am the door.” Are you searching for truth? Jesus said, “I am the truth.” Are you trying to find a life? Jesus said, “I am the life.” Are you thirsty? Jesus said, “I am the water of life.” Are you hungry? Jesus said, “I am the bread of life?” Are you fearful of death? Jesus said, I am the resurrection and the life.” Are you stumbling in darkness? Jesus said, “I am the light of the world.” Are you in need of true sustenance? Jesus said, “I am the true vine.” Are you sick of all the evil? Jesus said, “I am good.” Are you seeking One you can approach? Jesus said, “I am meek and lowly in heart.” Are you in need of strength for the work? Jesus said, “I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.” Are you trying to sort out the beginning from the end? Jesus said, “I am the alpha and omega, the beginning and the end.”

In our text, Jesus likens us to sheep. The greatest need of sheep is for them to have a good shepherd who will watch over them and care for them. Jesus said, “I am the good shepherd.” Sheep are one of the most helpless animals on earth. They are in constant need of care. They must be led everywhere and carefully watched. They cannot find their way home. They cannot find food. They cannot find water. They are helpless against wild animals. They are completely dependent upon their shepherd. **Psalm 23:1-6**, “The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.”

Jesus said, “I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep.” He said, I am the good shepherd, and know my sheep, and am known of mine.” His sheep are absolutely secure.

I. HE IS OUR DOOR.

Jesus said, “I am the door of the sheep...by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture.” At night a good shepherd made his bed in the opening of the sheepfold and actually became the door. Anything that went in or out had to come through him.

II. HE DWELLS WITH US.

He said, “My sheep hear my voice and I know them, and they follow me: (A good shepherd actually lived with his sheep.) Jesus is in us. **2 Corinthians 13:5**, “Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates?” We are in Him. **2 Corinthians 5:17**, “Therefore if any man *be* in Christ, *he is* a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.”

A. Our Lord makes our bodies His temple.

1 Corinthians 3:16, “Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and *that* the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?” **1 Corinthians 6:19-20** “What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost *which is* in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.”

B. Our Lord never leaves us.

Hebrews 13:5-6, “Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee. So that we may boldly say, The Lord *is* my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me.”

III. HE GIVES US ETERNAL LIFE.

He said, "...I give unto them eternal life..." **John 3:16**, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

A. Eternal life is a present reality.

1 John 5:13, "These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God."

B. Eternal life does not eliminate physical death.

Believers have an appointment with death the same as lost people. **Hebrews 9:27**, "...it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:"

C. Eternal life means we will never be separated from God.

2 Corinthians 5:8, "We are confident, *I say*, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord."

IV. HE DOES NOT REQUIRE US TO WORK TO EARN HIS CARE.

The ox has to work. Sheep do not. **Psalms 23:1-2**, "The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. **John 10:3-4, 9**, "...the sheep hear his voice: and he calleth his own sheep by name, and leadeth them out. And when he putteth forth his own sheep, he goeth before them, and the sheep follow him: for they know his voice." "...[they] go in and out, and find pasture."

A. Our salvation is a gift entirely unearned and undeserved.

Ephesians 2:8-9, "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: *it is* the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast." **Romans 11:6**, "And if by grace, then *is it* no more of works: otherwise grace is no more grace. But if *it be* of works, then is it no more grace: otherwise work is no more work." **Titus 3:5**, "Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;"

B. Our salvation is through faith- believing the Bible about yourself and Christ.

The Bible teaches from Genesis through Revelation that salvation is by grace alone. Since our salvation is by grace alone, we are eternally secure in Christ because our salvation is not dependent upon our works.

Salvation by grace, which is the security of the believer, is very comforting to the believer who knows himself, because salvation by grace means that it is entirely up to our Shepherd to get us to Heaven and to keep us while we are here on earth. The work is His and not ours.

V. HE REMOVES ALL CONDEMNATION.

He said, "...they shall never perish..." **John 3:18**, "He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God."

A. This is a present benefit.

Romans 8:1, "There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit."

B. This is future security.

John 5:24, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life."

C. This removes all fear of Hell. We are declared not guilty. We are righteous. We are justified.

VI. HE HOLDS US IN HIS HAND.

He said, "...neither shall any *man* pluck them out of my hand. My Father, which gave *them* me, is greater than all; and no *man* is able to pluck *them* out of my Father's hand. I and *my* Father are one."

A. We cannot get out of His hand.

"...no *man* is able to pluck *them* out of my Father's hand."

B. He will not cast us out.

John 6:37, “All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out.”

VII. HE KEEPS US IN LINE.

He said, “My sheep hear my voice and I know them, and they follow me:” (A good shepherd may break the leg of a lamb to teach it to follow.)

Eternal security is not a license to sin as some claim. Some actually say that if they believed that they would go out and live in sin and have a good time until they go to Heaven. Two things, one, if a person who claims to be saved still has a desire to live in sin that is proof that he has not yet been changed. He is not yet saved. **2 Corinthians 5:17**, “Therefore if any man *be* in Christ, *he is* a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.” Two, if a person who is saved tries to live in sin he quickly learns that his lord does not allow that.

The believer in Jesus Christ is absolutely secure. Jesus is the good shepherd. He laid down His life for His sheep. He is not going to allow any of them to get away from Him. Our salvation is not dependent upon us. It is entirely the work of the shepherd. He saves each person who believes on Him. He saves them eternally. He wants you to know that if you trust Him, He will keep you. He will take you to Heaven when you die.