

# **“The Good Shepherd”**

John 10: 11-18

## **Renters And Owners**

### **The Shepherd, The Sheep, The hired hand**

#### **The Hired Hand**

#### **The Good Shepherd**

##### **Verse 14**

*"I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me"*

##### **Verse 11**

*"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep."*

##### **Verse 15b**

*"I lay down my life for the sheep"*

##### **Verse 17**

*"This is why the Father loves me – because I lay down my life, so that I may take it back again."*

##### **Verse 18**

*"No one takes it [my life] away from me, but I lay it down of my own free will"*

## **What Is This Really About?**

### **Three Wolves**

#### **1. The Wolf Of Sin**

##### **John 1:29**

*"Look the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!"*

##### **Isaiah 53:6–12**

*All of us had wandered off like sheep; each of us had strayed off on his own path, but the Lord caused the sin of all of us to attack him. He was treated harshly and afflicted..... My servant will acquit many, for he carried their sins.*

#### **2. The Wolf Of Death**

#### **3. The Wolf Of Judgment**

## **Hebrews 9:27**

*"And just as people are appointed to die once, and then to face judgment"*

## **Romans 3:23**

*"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God"*

## **Jesus Lays Down His Life To Destroy Them**

### **John 5:24**

*"I tell you the solemn truth, the one who hears my message and believes the one who sent me has eternal life and will not be condemned, but has crossed over from death to life."*

### **Verse 18**

*"No one takes it away from me, but I lay it down of my own free will. I have the authority to lay it down, and I have the authority to take it back again. This commandment I received from my Father."*

## **The Sheep Have A Shepherd**

But not only that; the sheep now have a shepherd. Being a Follower of Christ is not just being saved from sin and death and judgment; it also means having a living shepherd to guide you and feed you and heal you and protect you and help you love. The words of verse 14 are astonishing, if you've ever dreamed of a deep relationship:

### **Verse 14,15**

*"I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me just as the Father knows me and I know the Father"*

## **The Shepherd Has A Mission**

### **Verse 16**

*"I have other sheep that do not come from this sheepfold. I must bring them too, and they will listen to my voice, so that there will be one flock and one shepherd."*

## **Matthew 28:18,19**

*Then Jesus came up and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit"*

## **The Shepherd Cannot Be Defeated**

## **Are You One Of Christ's Sheep?**

1. Are you one of Christ's sheep today?
2. Do you hear His voice?
3. Do you follow Him?

4. Do you trust in His saving work and promise of life?

**John 10:27,28**

*My sheep listen to my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish; no one will snatch them from my hand."*

**John 5:24**

*"I tell you the solemn truth, the one who hears my message and believes the one who sent me has eternal life and will not be condemned, but has crossed over from death to life"*