

1. The ancients didn't think of peace when they thought about their deities, who were temperamental, violent, and unpredictable. What does it mean to say that the God of the Bible is "the God of peace"?
2. What does it mean to call Jesus "the great Shepherd of the sheep"? How are we like sheep and how is He like the Good Shepherd of Psalm 23 and John 10?
3. The phrase "blood of the eternal covenant" recalls several significant themes in the letter. How does this phrase remind us of what God has said about the superiority of...
 - ...Christ's once-for-all sacrifice (compared with the repeated animal sacrifices)?
 - ...the Covenant He instituted through His blood (compared with the Mosaic covenant)?
 - ...Christ's priesthood (compared with the priesthood of Aaron and his descendants)?

1. **Many people – including many Christians – struggle with the idea that God is a “God of peace.”** They struggle with a powerful sense of inadequacy in their relationship with God.

- 2. The image of God (and of His Son) as our Good Shepherd is compelling and endearing.**

3. **The benediction asks that God “equip” His people so that they can serve Him well?** The Greek word used here is the same one used to describe a ship outfitted for voyage or a soldier equipped to fight in battle. What are some of the means God has used to equip you to serve Him?