

John # 160 “His Sheep Follow Him” *John 10:3-9*

The Good Shepherd always leads His sheep to green pastures.

Too many believers are lured into alleys either by false doctrine or taking in no doctrine and therefore end up in a wolf’s mouth or a thief’s pot.

The Holy Spirit will never open His gate to religion, no not ever!

We were called (*kaleo* Gr) by God the Father into the plan of God but the believers from Israel during our Lord’s Incarnation heard (*phroneo* Gr) the Lord’s call.

Acts 4:12 “Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under Heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved.”

God has a plan for each of his sheep and He does not leave them standing around in a pen; He opens the gate and the sheep must follow the shepherd out to the pasture to feed on the Word of God!

Whether any of us get with the Word of God is a matter of personal choice.

Religion is vicious in throwing out the non-conformists while God and His Son are gracious in bringing their own to pasture to feed all who hunger for truth and righteousness.

When we respond to the Lord Jesus the Living Word, we follow Him to His pasture to nourish ourselves with His food, the written Word.

And when we feed in the Lord Jesus’ pasture on His Word, we get to know Him better and better.

Once we taste of biblical truth, we get to know our Shepherd and if we do, we never forget Him!

Once we learn biblical truth, we could never truly love religion or legalism, that’s infidelity.

The result is that the unknown becomes known.

The Pharisees understood the Lord Jesus’ story of the first road but since they were unsaved and reacting negatively toward God and His plan of grace, the second road remained a mystery to them.

Not only was the Lord Jesus the Gate during the Incarnation; He keeps on being the Gate throughout human history.

Generally, sheep do not respond to false shepherds.

Religion condones anything to stop its opposition, including violence.

There is only one way to salvation and that’s through Jesus Christ; John 14:6, Acts 4:12.

Ever since the world began as far as man is concerned, Jesus Christ and His Gospel have been revealed.

1st Corinthians 15:3-4 “For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that He was buried, that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures,”

The issue in salvation is not sin.

Sin will not keep anyone out of Heaven but rejection of the Lord Jesus Christ will.

The moment someone accepts Jesus Christ as his Savior, Jesus Christ becomes his Lord also.