

THE GOOD SHEPHERD

JOHN 10:11-18

I. ONE PROOF THAT CHRIST IS THE GOOD SHEPHERD IS FOUND IN THE INSEPARABLE CONNECTION WITH HIS CLAIM TO SACRIFICE HIS OWN LIFE FOR THE SAKE OF THE SHEEP (10:11-13)

- A. "For" (Huper) Is One Of The Key N.T. Prepositions For The Doctrine Of Substitution (10:11)
- B. The "Hireling" Abandons The Sheep Rather Than Defend Them When He Sees A Wolf Coming Because He Has No Relationship To Them That Would Prompt His Self Sacrifice (10:12-13)

II. ANOTHER PROOF THAT CHRIST IS THE GOOD SHEPHERD IS FOUND IN THE INTIMATE RELATIONSHIP HE ENJOYS WITH HIS SHEEP (10:14-15)

- A. The Mutual Knowledge That Exists Between Shepherd And Sheep Bears Testimony To The Authenticity Of Christ As The Genuine Shepherd (10:14)
- B. Christ Compares This Knowledge To The Intimate Knowledge That Exists Between Himself And The Father (10:15)

III. ANOTHER PROOF THAT CHRIST IS THE GOOD SHEPHERD IS FOUND IN HIS INHERENT ABILITY AND WILLINGNESS TO GATHER OTHER SHEEP UNIVERSALLY AND MAKE THEM PART OF THE FOLD (10:16)

- A. Even The O. T. Had Predicted That Gentiles Would Become Part Of The Ultimate Fold
- B. It Was Necessary For This To Happen: *"Them Also I Must Bring..."*

IV. A FINAL PROOF THAT CHRIST IS THE GOOD SHEPHERD IS FOUND IN THE FACT THAT THE FATHER LOVES HIM FOR WHAT HE DOES (10:17-18)