

“WORD OF LIFE”

December 07, 2025

51. CHRIST – HIS PERSON (31)

T. TO THE BELIEVERS

16. Shepherd

Suggested Hymns: *The Good Shepherd* / # 214 / *O Father God, How Faithful You Are*

Additional suggested hymns: (# 540) / (# 120) / (# 19)

✚ “Your words were found and I ate them, And Your word became to me The gladness and joy of my heart,” (Jer. 15:16)

John 10:3 - ... the sheep hear his voice; and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.

John 10:11 - I am the good Shepherd; the good Shepherd lays down His life for the sheep.

John 10:16 - And I have other sheep, which are not of this fold;

I must lead them also, and they shall hear My voice, and there shall be one flock, one Shepherd.

Ezk. 34:15 - I Myself will shepherd My flock, and I will cause them to lie down, declares the Lord Jehovah.

✚ “Until we all arrive at the oneness of the faith and of the full knowledge of the Son of God, ...” (Eph. 4:13)

❖ Christ is the good Shepherd.

➤ “the sheep hear his voice; and he calls his own sheep by name”

- He leads them out of the fold (John 10:3)
- He goes before the sheep, and they follow Him (v. 4)
- He takes the sheep out of the fold through Himself as the door and to Himself as the pasture

➤ “the good shepherd lays down His life for the sheep” (John 10:11)

- Christ laid down His psuche life, His human life, for the sheep
- so that they may have the zoe life, the divine life, the eternal life.
 - Now He shepherds us inwardly in the way of life,
 - Inwardly we have Christ as our Shepherd, as a Shepherd of life and in life.
 - Christ lives in us.
 - we live in Him, by Him, with Him, and through Him.

➤ “there shall be one flock, one Shepherd”

- As the believers’ Shepherd, Christ forms them into one flock (John 10:16),
 - the one universal church, the one Body of Christ,
 - consisting of all the believers in Christ.
- The Lord supplies His sheep with Himself as life
 - so that there may be one flock and one Shepherd, one Body and one Head.
 - the one flock is the church.
 - enjoying Him as our life and life supply.

✚ “But he who prophesies speaks building up and encouragement and consolation to men,” (1Cor. 14:3)

✚ When we live in the Lord, we are under His shepherding. As we are under Christ’s shepherding, there will be a life consciousness within us and also an instruction, a guidance, in life. The life within us, will indicate that the Lord intends to lead us in a certain way. This life consciousness with its leading and instruction is an indication that we are under the Lord’s shepherding.

✚ The real Shepherd is the living Christ. As our Shepherd, the Lord not only gives us life; He is life to us. The living of Christ within us is actually His living shepherding. Hence, the Lord Jesus shepherds us by being life to us and by living in us.

The Good Shepherd Experience of Christ— As the Shepherd

[We may not be familiar with the hymn
but we can speak the hymn]

- 1 My **Savior** the good **Shepherd** is,
He'll never leave the flock. *[John 10:11]*
The One Who truly **loves** the sheep,
Became the **Lamb of God**. *[John 1:29, 36]*
Despised, afflicted in my stead,
He **spent His soul** for me. *[Matt 26:36, 38]*
And to the **slaughter** He was led, *[Isa. 53:7]*
That I not thirsty be. *[Act 8:32; 1Pet. 1:19]*
- 2 My **Shepherd** is the **Lamb of God**,
He **calls** to me each day, *[John 10:3]*
To **drink** the waters flowing free,
From His **pierced** side of grace. *[John 19:34]*
Yet when I stray or choose my way,
He still would **search** for me,
And bring me **home** on shoulders strong.
Do I not His **love** see? *[Luke 15:4-5]*
- 3 My **Shepherd's** face is how I **live**,
I **love** to look at Him. *[Heb. 12:2; 2Tim. 4:8]*
Though He might lead
through shearing trial,
But **still** I **follow** Him. *[1Pet. 1:6-9]*
Just as the **Father's** presence cheered
Him through each **suffering** day,
'Tis once I saw His **tender care**
That here I want to stay. *[1Pet. 4:12-14]*
- 4 Oh, **Father** thank You for Your **Son**. *[Gal. 1:16]*
He **shares** Your **heart** for us. *[Psa. 25:14]*
That gladly He would **bear** us to
The **bosom** of Your **love**. *[Rom. 8:32]*
No greater **Shepherd** could there be,
That He would **not lose one**! *[John 17:12]*
And lead us all to **dwell** with You.
Sweet **Pasture**, **Living Stream**.
[Ezk. 34:13-15; Psa. 23:2, 6]

Eph 5:19 –
Speaking to one another in psalms and hymns
and spiritual songs, **singing** and psalming
with your **heart** to the **Lord**,

Act 2:47 –
Praising God and having **grace** with all the
people. And the **Lord** added together day by
day those who were being **saved**.

(Hymn 540 – for maintaining the spirit)

Hymn 214 Praise the Lord— Remembrance of Him

- 1 According to Thy gracious word,
In meek **humility**,
This will I do, my **dying Lord**,
I will **remember** Thee.
- 2 Thy **body**, **broken** for my sake,
My **bread** from heaven shall be; *[John 6:33]*
Thy **testamental cup** I take, *[Heb. 9:16-22]*
And Othus **remember** Thee.
- 3 **Gethsemane** can I forget? *[Mark 14:32-36]*
Or there Thy **conflict** see,
Thine agony and **bloody sweat**, *[Luke 22:44]*
And not **remember** Thee?
- 4 When to the **cross** I turn mine eyes
And rest on **Calvary**, *[for Golgotha John 19:17]*
O **Lamb of God**, my **sacrifice**, *[Matt. 27:33]*
I must **remember** Thee—
- 5 **Remember** Thee and all Thy **pains** *[Luk 17:25]*
And all Thy **love** to me; *[John 12:27; 13:1]*
Yea, while a **breath**, a **pulse** remains,
I will **remember** Thee.
- 6 And when these failing **lips** grow dumb
And **mind** and memory flee, *[Ecc. 12:1-8]*
When Thou shalt in Thy **kingdom** come,
Jesus, **remember** me. *[Matt 26:29; Luk 12:32]*

Heb 10:5 –
Therefore, **coming** into the world, He says,
“Sacrifice and offering You did not desire,
but a **body** You have **prepared** for Me.

Heb 10:6 –
In burnt offerings and **sacrifices for sin** You
did **not delight**.

Heb 10:8 –
Saying above, “Sacrifices and offerings and
burnt offerings and **sacrifices for sin** You did
not desire nor delight in” ...,

Heb 10:9 –
He then has said, “Behold, I have **come** to do
Your will.” He takes away the **first** that He
may establish the **second**,

Heb 10:10 –
By which will we have been **sanctified**
through the **offering of the body** of **Jesus**
Christ once for all.

John 20:29 –
Jesus said to him,
Blessed are those who have **not seen** and have
believed.

*(Hymn 120 – hymn for strengthening and filling up
time)*

O Father God, how Faithful You are Worship of the Father— His Faithfulness

- 1 O **Father God**, how **faithful** You
Are through eternity; *[Psa. 100:5; 117:2]*
For Your eternal **purpose** You
Are **faithful** now in me. *[1Pet. 4:19]*

Chorus:

How **steadfast** is Thy **faithfulness**!
For this I **worship** Thee; *[Psa. 36:5]*
It is established in the heav'n,
And ever **stands for me**.

- 2 You've **called** us into **fellowship**
Of Your dear **Son**, our **Lord**, *[1Cor. 1:9]*
That He may be our **portion** full,
Our center, **our accord**. *[Col. 1:12; Phil. 1:27]*
- 3 Though we **unfaithful** oft will be,
Yet You are **faithful** still, *[2Tim. 2:13]*
Though **not** for human welfare **but**
For Your **eternal will**. *[Rev. 4:11]*
- 4 Since we've **believed** into Your **Son**
Some losses You've allowed
That we **from** broken cisterns turn *[Jer. 2:13]*
To drink our Fountain-God. *[Psa. 36:9]*
- 5 Your **faithfulness** has led us in
To Your **economy**, *[Eph. 1:9-11]*
Where **Christ** we all enjoy that You
In us may **increased** be.
- 6 The **living water's faithful** flow *[John 4:14]*
We **drink** and **shout, Amen**; *[1Chron. 16:36]*
The destination of this **flow** *[Rev. 22:1]*
The **New Jerusalem**.

1Co 1:9 –
God is **faithful**, through whom you were
called into the fellowship of His **Son**,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

1Th 5:23 –
And the God of peace Himself **sanctify**
you wholly, and may your spirit and soul
and body be **preserved complete, without**
blame, at the **coming** of our **Lord Jesus**
Christ.

1Th 5:24 –
Faithful is He who **calls you**, who also
will do it.

(Hymn: 19 – hymn for maintaining the spirit)