

separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord" (v.39).

What does it mean to have Someone like that love you? It means life and peace and hope and joy.

Jesus loves you. What else do you need? --JDB

*Somebody whispered that Jesus loves me,
Jesus who died upon Calvary's tree,
Said He would save me, from sin set me free,
Somebody whispered that Jesus loves me.*

God loves everyone as if there were but one to love.



'Dear God,

I know that I am not worthy to be called a child of God. I don't deserve your gift of eternal life. I am guilty of rebelling against you and ignoring you. I need your forgiveness.

I want to turn from living my life my own way. I believe that Jesus died for me and rose again to give me new life. I now acknowledge Jesus as the ruler in my life.

Make me a member of Your family. Please help me to love You and serve You always.

Amen.'

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The Good Shepherd Loves You

**As the Father loved Me, I also have loved you; abide in My love. --
John 15:9**

The substitute teacher was overwhelmed. She was helping to care for a small group of children at a school that specializes in students with severe disabilities. As she sat with a little boy who seemed extremely agitated, she leaned over to him and whispered in his ear, "Jesus loves you." Immediately the boy's agitation calmed, and he began to laugh and make happy sounds.

Have you ever thought about the significance of the words "Jesus loves you"? Can anything be more simple, yet more profound?

Consider what it means to have the Creator of all things know your name. Think of the comfort in knowing that the Great Physician has your best interests at heart. Ponder the security of knowing that the Good Shepherd is watching over you.

Contemplate what it means that the Savior cared enough to die for you.

Ponder too what Paul said. He asked, "Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?" (Rom. 8:35). The answer: Nothing in all creation "shall be able to



THE GOOD SHEPHERD

In John 10 we can discover the care of the Good Shepherd for His sheep. He is Good because:

1. He is _____ to other _____, 9:40-41, 10:22, 1-3, 10-14



2. He is of the _____, verses 15, 3, 17-18, 29-30



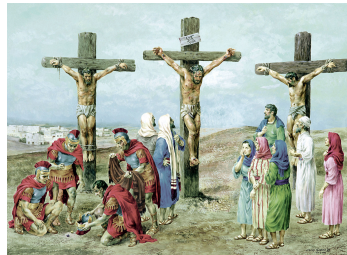
(Exodus 34:6) "And the LORD passed before him and proclaimed, 'The LORD, the LORD God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abounding in goodness and truth,'"

3. He gives His _____ for the _____, verses 11, 15, 17-18

(Romans 8:32) "He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?"

(1 Samuel 17:34-35) "But David said to Saul, 'Your servant used to keep his father's sheep, and when a lion or a bear came and took a lamb out of the flock, {35} I went out after it and struck it, and delivered the lamb from its mouth; and when it arose against me, I caught it by its beard, and struck and killed it.'"

(1 Peter 2:22-24) "'Who committed no sin, Nor was deceit found in His mouth'; {23} who, when He was reviled, did not



revile in return; when He suffered, He did not threaten, but committed Himself to Him who judges righteously; {24} who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, ..."

(Romans 5:8) "But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us."

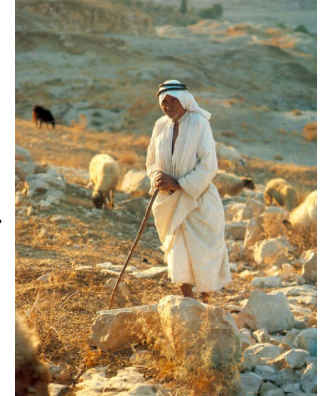
4. He gives _____ to the _____, verses 10, 28-30

5. He _____ the sheep, verses 3, 14, 27

(Psalms 23) "The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. {2} He makes me to lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still waters. {3} He restores my soul; He leads me in the paths of righteousness For His name's sake.

{4} Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; For You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me. {5} You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; My cup runs over.

{6} Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me All the days of my life; And I will dwell in the house of the LORD Forever."



6. He _____ you, verse 16



(Luke 15:4-7) "'What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he loses one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness, and go after the one which is lost until he finds it? {5} 'And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. {6} 'And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep which was lost!' {7} 'I say to you that likewise there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine just persons who need no repentance.'"
(Matthew 11:28-30) "'Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. {29} 'Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. {30} 'For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.'"

(Mark 1:15) "... Repent, and believe in the gospel.'"