

# The “Good” Shepherd!

John 10:11-18  
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## Introduction

- Differences between a “poor”, “good”, and “outstanding” employee?
- Differences between a “poor”, “good”, and “outstanding” pastor?
- Jesus as the “Great” or “Chief” Shepherd.  
In contrast to “thieves” and “Robbers”
  - Jesus as the “Genuine” Shepherd—10:1-6
  - Jesus as the “Gate” Shepherd-- 10:7-10

## **The “Good” Shepherd!! As the “Good” Shepherd,....**

### **A. Jesus Christ gives His life for His sheep! 10:11-13, 17-18**

1. Background
  - a. Shepherding was a hard, dangerous job
  - b. To care for his flock, a shepherd would hire others to help
    - 1) Not responsible for loss—Exodus 22:12-13
    - 2) Did it for the pay
  - c. Contrast between “thieves, robbers, and hired men”
2. In contrast to the hireling, Jesus Christ lays down His life
  - a. As a substitutionary Sacrifice—10:11-13
    - 1) Scriptural testimony—Christ died for us
    - 2) Prophesied in the OT—Isaiah 53:4-6
  - b. Voluntarily, out of love and obedience – 10:17-18
    - 1) Jesus’ death not an accident or tragedy, but part of God’s plan from eternity to provide salvation for you and I.
    - 2) Jesus’ death not a suicide, but a sacrifice—John 15:13
    - 3) Jesus’ death was the means of life to those who believe

### **B. Jesus Christ sustains a love relationship with His sheep! 10:14-15**

1. Jesus Christ “knows” His sheep!
2. We “know” Jesus Christ, proven by our obedience to Him
3. The relationship which we have with Christ is intertwined with the relationship Jesus Christ has with His Father.
4. God the Father loves you; Jesus Christ loves you; and You love the Father and Jesus Christ! He loves us; We obey Him!

### **C. Jesus Christ unites His sheep into one flock—10:16**

1. One flock-One Shepherd in the Old Testament
  - a. Most thought it referred to gathering scattered Israel
  - b. Hints that “flock” may include Gentiles—Isaiah 56:6-8
2. One flock—One Shepherd revealed in the New
  - a. Salvation is for both Jew and Gentile—Romans 1:16
  - b. “Mystery of Christ”—Gentiles included—Ephesians 3:5-6
  - c. Jesus makes the “two”, one—a new flock Ephesians 2:11-16