

## THE GOOD SHEPHERD: I. HOW PERSONAL

### John 10:14-15

I. See how \_\_\_\_\_ a Shepherd: v14a

A. Wonderfully Good: attractive / tender / capable / sufficient  
Contrast the “hired hand” of v12-13

B. Uniquely Good: Not “a” but “THE” good Shepherd

Why does it not offend us to hear Jesus so praise Himself?

II. See how \_\_\_\_\_ His \_\_\_\_\_ : v14b-15a

A. He knows you as He knows the Father!

Shepherd: knows origins, ailments, weaknesses, trials, limits, strengths

And He knows you lovingly. He calls you by name (cf. v3)  
(nickname?)

B. You know Him as the Father knows Him!

Not a comparison of thoroughness, but personal

III. See how \_\_\_\_\_ His \_\_\_\_\_ : v15b

He lays down His life, not for everyone, but for His sheep. Because His sacrifice saves them:

A. **Priest** who offers Himself as the sacrificial sheep

The priest bore the names of Israel on his shoulders (Exod 28:12)  
and on his heart (Exod 28:29)

B. **Propitiates** (satisfies) God’s wrath against us by bearing it on Himself. His wrath is *gone!*

I John 4:10-11

C. **Redeems** (purchases) us with the price of His blood  
You belong to Him (“*My sheep*” twice in v14)  
Acts 20:28

D. **Reconciles** us with angry God so we are no longer enemies.  
Romans 5:10  
In fact He adopted you, so you can call Him “Father”

(This is often referred to as Limited Atonement / Definite Atonement / Particular Redemption. It refers to the fact that Christ’s death did not simply make salvation possible for everyone, but actually saved His sheep!)

How personal is His salvation given to you, His sheep.  
(Do you know that you have it? Do you recognize His voice? Do you know Him?)

Rejoice!

Be happy in Him as your good Shepherd this year!