

**Summer Splash: Spiritual Blessings Because of Our Union with Christ**  
***In Christ We Receive a Shepherd-Friend***  
***Part 7***

**I. In Our Union with Christ We Have a Good and Faithful Shepherd.**

1. Jesus was the promised good and faithful Shepherd of Ezekiel 34.  
Cf. Matt.9:35,36; Lu. 15:1-7

2. By grace we are united to this good and faithful Shepherd.

*a. We were some of those lost and straying sheep of Isaiah 53:6.*

*b. We were purchased and pursued by the Good Shepherd.*  
Cf. Jn.10:11,15-18

*c. We were graciously brought under the loving care of this good Shepherd.*  
Cf. Psa.23; Jn.10:11-14,27

**II. In Our Union with Christ We Have a Friend.**

1. A shameful insult ironically well suited for Jesus.  
Cf. Matt.11:19; Lu.7:34

2. Jesus is a friend that sticks closer than a brother.  
Cf. Pr.18:24; 15:13-15