

KNOWING GOD

"I AM the Good Shepherd"

How Can I Know God Better?

- A. By knowing how the Bible describes God
 - B. By responding to the Word of God
 - C. By knowing God's Pattern for the believer – Phil. 2:5-8
 - D. By witnessing to the fact that I know God
 - 1. By Another's witness – Holy Spirit – John 5:30-32
 - 2. By my life's witness – Col. 2:6
 - 3. By my relationship – John 14:10
 - E. How can I be assured of knowing God? – Psalm 23
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"I am the Good Shepherd" – John 10:1-16

F. What do I know about my Shepherd?

I AM – Exodus 3:14

The Shepherd – Ezek 34:23,24; 37:22, 27

"The Good One" – Zechariah 12:10; 13:1

1. **I can be assured that the Lord is my _____ and I am His Sheep – because: (John 10:1-5)**
 - a. He *speaks to me - and I _____ His voice*
 - b. He *knows me by my _____ – He calls me by name*
 - c. He *birthed me – He _____ me*
 - d. He *precedes me – He _____ me*

2. What does my Shepherd do for me? (John 10:11-16)

The Good Shepherd _____ His _____ for His sheep. -

- a. He _____ for His sheep.
 - 1) Invests
 - 2) Cares
 - 3) Identifies
 - 4) Enlarges
 - 5) Oversees
- b. He _____ *His* _____ for His sheep
 - 1) Intervenes
 - 2) Substitutes

3. What motivates my Shepherd? (John 10:17-18)

- a. **His Father's _____**
Therefore my Father loves Me, because I lay down My life for the sheep.
- b. **His _____ to His Father**
Not My will, but yours be done. Luke 22:42

Application/Challenge

By this we know love,

Because He laid down His life for us.

And we also ought to lay down our lives for the brethren. 1 John 3:16

Assurance

I can be assured of knowing God as my Shepherd as I listen to His words and follow His leading, from a heart of love and obedience to Him.