

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 10:1-18

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 Shepherd and I am His Sheep – because: (John 10:1-5)

- a. He *speaks to me - and I hear His voice*
- b. He *knows me by my name – He calls me by name*
- c. He *birthed me – He made me*
- d. He *precedes me – He leads me*

2. What does my Shepherd do for me?

The Good Shepherd gives His life for His sheep.

John 10:11-16

a. He *lives* for His sheep.

- 1) Invests
- 2) Cares
- 3) Identifies
- 4) Enlarges
- 5) Oversees

b. He *risks His life* for His sheep

- 1) Intervenes
- 2) Substitutes

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

a. His Father's love

*Therefore my Father loves Me,
because I lay down My life for the sheep.*

b. His Obedience 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.