

Parable of Good Shepard  
John 10:1-18

Think with me for a moment. What do you consider someone who enters your house without permission? If they come in by any other way than you opening the door and inviting them in, they are a criminal.

In our story that Jesus tells, He uses this idea to explain coming to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ.

Read v1-6

In Jesus' explanation, He says:

V7 – “I am the door of the sheep” – Jesus is the door to eternal life. Jesus said in **John 14:6** *“I am the way, the truth, and the life, no one comes to the father but through me.”*

You can try other ways and religions to find peace with eternal life, but they will steal you away from true life with Holy God.

V9 – “I am the door” – we are given a promise in this verse. Anyone who comes to Jesus, the door to eternal life, will be saved.

Saved – to be rescued from danger, to be delivered from the penalty of judgment. In Revelations, we find that there will be a day of great judgment where everyone will give an account for their existence and decision to accept/reject the door. The saving grace of Jesus also brings freedom to those who come to the door.

**Colossians 2:20** says *“You have died with Christ, and he has set you free from the evil powers of this world. So why do you keep on following rules of the world...”*

Jesus offers real life. Life free of guilt or worry about what will happen after death. Jesus forgives our sin and makes us complete.

V11 – “I am the good shepherd.” – Jesus gave His life for you and me. He died on the cross for our wrongs. Everyone deserves judgment and the penalty that comes with it. Jesus paid the penalty for our sins so we would not have too. However, there is something each person must do. We must accept the gift of eternal life.

**Romans 6:23** – *“The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”*

**Romans 3:30** – *“There is only **one** God, and there is only **one way** of being accepted by him. He makes people right with himself only by faith, whether they are Jews or Gentiles.”*

V14 – “I am the good Shepard” – Jesus knows His sheep and His sheep know Him.  
Sheep know their shepherds voice.  
Sheep will only follow their shepherd.  
Sheep don’t have to worry about where to go for food and water. The shepherd leads them.  
Sheep grow and reproduce under the shepherds care.

Do you know whom you are following? According to our scripture, if it is anything or anyone else other than Jesus, it will steal and destroy you and your life.

Have you heard the voice of Jesus calling you to accept the gift of eternal life? If you have, do you obey His voice? Do you continue to hear and obey His voice? Are you tired of trying to make things work only to find there is another problem to handle? When we put our trust in Jesus, we don’t have to worry. He will lead us to make right choices, to say the right things, to do the right things in life.

Have you grown in your walk with Christ since the day you accepted His grace?  
Have you reproduced yourself by leading others to a saving knowledge of Jesus?

Jesus is the good shepherd. Follow Him today for the rest of your earthly life. The reward is heaven.