

TRUE SHEEP – FALSE SHEEP

THE GOOD SHEPHERD - PART 3

John 10

(Jn 10:3-27), “To him the porter openeth; and the sheep hear his voice: and he calleth his own sheep by name, and leadeth them out. ⁴ And when he putteth forth his own sheep, he goeth before them, and the sheep follow him: for they know his voice. ⁵ And a stranger will they not follow, but will flee from him: for they know not the voice of strangers. ⁶ This parable spake Jesus unto them: but they understood not what things they were which he spake unto them. ⁷ Then said Jesus unto them again, Verily, verily, I say unto you, I am the door of the sheep. ⁸ All that ever came before me are thieves and robbers: but the sheep did not hear them. ⁹ I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture. ¹⁰ The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have *it* more abundantly. ¹¹ I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep. ¹² But he that is an hireling, and not the shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, seeth the wolf coming, and leaveth the sheep, and fleeth: and the wolf catcheth them, and scattereth the sheep. ¹³ The hireling fleeth, because he is an hireling, and careth not for the sheep. ¹⁴ I am the good shepherd, and know my *sheep*, and am known of mine. ¹⁵ As the Father knoweth me, even so know I the Father: and I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶ And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, *and* one shepherd. ¹⁷ Therefore doth my Father love me, because I lay down my life, that I might take it again. ¹⁸ No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This commandment have I received of my Father. ¹⁹ There was a division therefore again among the Jews for these sayings. ²⁰ And many of them said, He hath a devil, and is mad; why hear ye him? ²¹ Others said, These are not the words of him that hath a devil. Can a devil open the eyes of the blind? ²² And it was at Jerusalem the feast of the dedication, and it was winter. ²³ And Jesus walked in the temple in Solomon’s porch. ²⁴ Then came the Jews round about him, and said unto him, How long dost thou make us to doubt? If thou be the Christ, tell us plainly. ²⁵ Jesus answered them, I told you, and ye believed not: the works that I do in my Father’s

name, they bear witness of me. ²⁶ But ye believe not, because ye are not of my sheep, as I said unto you.”



(2 Co 5:17), “Therefore if any man *be* **IN CHRIST**, . . . ”

S The phrase “**IN CHRIST**” occurs **78 TIMES** in the New Testament. **If** you are a **Christian**, then you are “**in Christ**.” There is **evidence** that accompanies a person that is “**IN CHRIST**.”

(2 Co 5:17), “Therefore if any man *be* **in Christ**, *he is* **A NEW CREATURE**: . . . ”

Some translations read as “**NEW CREATION**.” **The change** that takes place when a person is “in Christ” is **so dynamic** that **it equates** with God’s creation. God takes something that was *spiritually dead* and makes it *spiritually alive* “in Christ.”

- C** **(Eph 2:1)**, “And you *hath* *he* **quicken***ed*, who were dead in trespasses and sins;”
- C** **(Eph 2:5)**, “Even when we were dead in sins, *hath* **quicken***ed* us together with Christ, . . . ” (The word “quicken” means “made alive.”)
- C** **(2 Co 5:17)**, “Therefore if any man *be* **in Christ**, *he is* **a new creature**: **old things are passed away**; behold, **all things are become new**.”

The question is:

- C** – ARE YOU ALIVE “**IN CHRIST**”?
- C** – ARE YOU A “**NEW CREATION**”?
- C** – ARE YOU “**QUICKENED**”?
- C** – HAVE “**OLD THINGS PASSED AWAY**”?
- C** – HAVE “**ALL THINGS ARE BECOME NEW**”?

THAT IS A **LEGITIMATE QUESTION**

- C** **(2 Cor 13:5)**, “**EXAMINE YOURSELVES**, whether ye be in the faith; **PROVE YOUR OWN SELVES**. . . ”

C (1 John 5:13), "These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; **THAT YE MAY KNOW** that ye have eternal life, . . . "

S ARE YOU "IN CHRIST"? "NEW CREATION"?
"QUICKENED"?

S NO TRAGEDY COULD BE GREATER THAN TO SOMEDAY
HEAR JESUS SAY:
(Mat 7:23), ". . . I never knew you: **DEPART FROM ME . . .**"

IN THE PREVIOUS MESSAGE from John 10 we concentrated on the word "SHEPHERD." Jesus related **FIVE FACTS** about Himself as the Good Shepherd.

- #1. HE IS **GOD'S MESSIAH**
- #2. HE IS **THE SUBJECT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT'S WITNESS**
- #3. HE IS **THE DOOR TO LIFE**
- #4. HE IS **GOOD**
- #5. HE **IS GOD**

IN TODAY'S MESSAGE we concentrate on the word "SHEEP." The word *sheep* occurs **seventeen times** in John 10. As stated in the previous messages, Jesus was **not trying** to teach His listeners how to raise sheep. Jesus was using the physical illustration of sheep to communicate **spiritual truths**. Jesus taught what the Shepherd's **TRUE SPIRITUAL SHEEP** are really like. In the process, He also taught what **FALSE SPIRITUAL SHEEP** are really like. Just because a sheep is in the sheep pen with the sheep that belong to the Good Shepherd, does not automatically mean he is one of God's sheep.

JESUS SAID:

(Mt 7:21), "Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven."

S Today's text reveals **FOUR primary CHARACTERISTICS** of the true sheep of God. The best way to find the counterfeit is to examine the real.

- I. TRUE SHEEP "**HEAR**" JESUS (the word "hear" occurs **five times** in John 10)
- II. TRUE SHEEP "**BELIEVE**" JESUS (the word "believe" occurs **seven times**)
- III. TRUE SHEEP "**KNOW**" JESUS (the word "know" occurs **eight times**)
- IV. TRUE SHEEP "**FOLLOW**" JESUS (the word "follow" occurs **three times**)

I. TRUE SHEEP "HEAR" JESUS

THE WORD "HEAR" OCCURS **FIVE TIMES** in John 10. **Four** of those occurrences describe God's *true sheep*. **One** occurrence describes *false sheep*. **Watch** for the word "HEAR."

(V. 3), "To him the porter openeth; and the sheep **HEAR** his voice: and he calleth his own sheep by name, and leadeth them out."

(V. 8), "All that ever came before me are thieves and robbers: but the sheep did not **HEAR** them."

(V. 16), "And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall **HEAR** my voice; . . . "

(V. 27), "My sheep **HEAR** my voice, . . . "

S JESUS RELATED **ACTUAL OCCURRENCES** that took place on a daily basis in sheep pens throughout Israel. **Shepherds often mixed** their sheep in a sheep pen with sheep that belonged to other shepherds. When the shepherd came to retrieve his sheep in the morning, he would simply call out for his sheep. His sheep would **HEAR** the voice of their shepherd. They would respond by separating themselves from other sheep that belonged to other shepherds. Then they would follow their shepherd out of the pen. It is **amazing** to think a **dumb animal** like a sheep could possibly **hear** and **recognize** the voice of a shepherd, but we are told that they can.

S There is a **SPIRITUAL APPLICATION** to Jesus' words, "My sheep **HEAR** my voice, . . ." (v. 27). Jesus was teaching **A KINGDOM REALITY** regarding *true sheep*. *God's sheep* come to Him when He calls because they **hear Him**. The call of the Heavenly Shepherd is distinguishable to the sheep with spiritual ears.

IN CONTRAST, *false sheep* do not hear God's call because they cannot distinguish God's voice from all the other voices that come their way. Trying to **understand** Jesus' call in a *false sheep's* life is like a person trying to understand **a foreign language** he has never learned. Having lived overseas for two years, I can tell you how difficult it is to try to understand a foreign language you have not learned.

TRUE SHEEP "HEAR GOD'S CALL. LISTEN FOR THE WORD "HEAR" IN ALL THE FOLLOWING VERSES:

- C** (**Is 55:3**), "Incline your ear, and come unto me: **HEAR**, and your soul shall live; . . ."
- C** (**Ro 10:17**), "So then faith *cometh* by **HEARING**, and **HEARING** by the word of God."
- C** (**Mt 7:24**), "Therefore whosoever **HEARETH** these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock:"
- C** (**Re 2:7**), "He that hath an ear, let him **HEAR** what the Spirit saith unto the churches;" (Seven times in the Book of Revelation Jesus spoke these words to His churches)
- C** (**Pr 8:34**), "Blessed *is* the man that **HEARETH ME**, watching daily at my gates, waiting at the posts of my doors." (John 10 talks about "gates")

IN CONTRAST, FALSE SHEEP DO NOT HEAR GOD'S CALL. The crowd that listened to Jesus that day in the temple could not understand His voice. In a matter of a few short months they were going to kill Jesus rather than submit to him. Consider what they said about Jesus as they use the word "hear."

(Jn 10:20), "And many of them said, He hath a devil, and is mad; why **HEAR** ye him?"

FALSE SHEEP DO NOT HEAR GOD'S CALL. They cannot distinguish the voice of God from all the other voices in life. They are **spiritually deaf**.

- C** (**Jn 8:43**), "Why do ye not understand my speech? *even* because ye cannot **HEAR** my word."
- C** (**Mt 13:13, 15**), "Therefore speak I to them in parables: because they seeing see not; and **HEARING** they hear not, neither do they understand. . . .¹⁵ For this people's heart is waxed gross, and *their* ears are dull of **HEARING**, and their eyes they have closed; lest at any time they should see with *their* eyes, and **HEAR** with *their* ears, and should understand with *their* heart, and should be converted, and I should heal them."

S We **sing** the **hymn**, "I Can Hear the Savior Calling." **DOES THAT CHARACTERIZE YOUR LIFE?** Can you hear God when He calls? **DO YOU HEAR THE VOICE OF JESUS?**

I. TRUE SHEEP "HEAR" JESUS

II. TRUE SHEEP "BELIEVE" JESUS

The word *believe* occurs **seven times** in **five verses** in John 10. The **FREQUENCY** of the word *believe* speaks volumes regarding the importance of the word.

(V. 25-26), "Jesus answered them, I told you, and ye **BELIEVED NOT**: the works that I do in my Father's name, they bear witness of me.²⁶ But ye **BELIEVE NOT**, because ye are not of my sheep, as I said unto you."

(V. 37-38), “If I do not the works of my Father, **BELIEVE** me not.³⁸ But if I do, though ye **BELIEVE NOT ME, BELIEVE THE WORKS**: that ye may know, and **BELIEVE**, that the Father *is* in me, and I in him.”

(V. 42), “And **MANY BELIEVED ON HIM** there.”

There is **nothing complicated** about the word *believe*. According to Webster’s dictionary, *believe* simply means **“TO ACCEPT AS TRUE.”** To believe in Jesus means to accept what Jesus says as true. Jesus says five things about Himself in John 10.

- #1. HE IS **GOD’S MESSIAH**
- #2. HE IS **THE SUBJECT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT’S WITNESS**
- #3. HE IS **THE DOOR TO LIFE**
- #4. HE IS **GOOD**
- #5. HE IS **GOD**

TO BELIEVE in Jesus **MEANS** to accept what Jesus says as true. **JESUS SAID TO PILATE:**

(Jn 18:37), “. . . To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the **truth**. Every one that is of the **truth** heareth my voice.”

S **GOD’S SHEEP “BELIEVE” JESUS!** A person who refuses to believe Jesus gives evidence that they have never experienced God’s salvation.

- C** **(Jn 3:16)**, “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever **BELIEVETH** in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.”
- C** **(John 3:18)**, “He that **BELIEVETH** on him is not condemned: but he that **BELIEVETH NOT** is condemned already, because he hath not **BELIEVED** in the name of the only begotten Son of God.”
- C** **(Rom 10:9)**, “That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt **BELIEVE IN THINE HEART** that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be **SAVED**.”

C **(Jn 5:24)**, “Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that **HEARETH** my word, and **BELIEVETH** on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.”

THE POINT IS THAT **TRUE SHEEP ACCEPT AS TRUTH** WHAT JESUS HAS TO SAY. In contrast, **false sheep do not accept as truth** what Jesus has to say.

DO YOU BELIEVE JESUS? Not just do you **believe IN Jesus**, but do you **BELIEVE Jesus**? **SOME PEOPLE** say they **BELIEVE Jesus** while refusing to believe what Jesus has to say. Though they are **religious**, they **reject** the words of Jesus. They do not believe that Jesus is God’s One Messiah. They do not believe that Jesus is God. They do not believe that Jesus is the door to life. When the **SECULAR MEDIA INTERVIEWS** a Christian missionary, it is fairly common for them to use what Jesus says in **John 14:**

(Jn 14:6), “. . . I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.”

By the ensuing comments you can almost always tell the interviewer does not accept what Jesus has to say. They may claim to *believe in Jesus*, but they do **not believe Jesus**.

MARK IT DOWN **CLEAR AND PLAIN, TRUE SHEEP “BELIEVE” JESUS**. If Jesus says that He is the only way to the Father and a person rejects what Jesus says, then he doesn’t *believe* Jesus, it doesn’t matter how religious he might be. **TRUE SHEEP BELIEVE JESUS!** **FALSE SHEEP** do not believe Jesus. **DON’T CLAIM** to *believe* Jesus while at the same time reject what Jesus has to say.

S **WHY** do you suppose that He chose **“belief”**? Only God knows all the reasons, but consider a couple of possibilities.

- (1) Belief is something any person can do. Everyone has the capacity to believe. Even a child can believe. Since everyone has the capacity to believe, then everyone can be saved if they will believe Jesus.

(2) *Belief* affirms the **character** of God. *Belief* **proclaims** that God is **trustworthy**. Refusal to believe proclaims just the opposite. Unbelief is the same as calling God a liar.

SUPPOSE I described some situation that occurred in my life this past week. Suppose you spoke the following words to me after I had finished relating my story to you. You say to me, “Pastor, I don’t believe what you just said.” You would have done the same as called me a liar. You would have given me the equivalent of a **slap** in the face. I would consider my ministry to you to be totally ineffective because you do not believe me or trust me.

THINK ABOUT THAT SCENARIO IN RELATIONSHIP TO GOD. Jesus says that He is the way to heaven. When some person states that they do not believe what Jesus says, they are in essence calling God a liar. It is the equivalent of telling God He does not know how to speak accurately. *Unbelief* in Jesus is the equivalent to a spiritual **slap** in the face of God.

MARK IT DOWN **CLEAR AND PLAIN, TRUE SHEEP “BELIEVE” JESUS.** *FALSE SHEEP DO NOT believe* Jesus. It is patronizing nonsense to say you believe in Jesus while at the same time rejecting what Jesus says. Are you one of God’s *true sheep*? **DO YOU BELIEVE JESUS?**

- I. TRUE SHEEP **“HEAR”** JESUS (5x)
- II. TRUE SHEEP **“BELIEVE”** JESUS (7x)

III. TRUE SHEEP “KNOW” JESUS

S The word **“KNOW”** occurs **EIGHT TIMES** in **SIX VERSES** in John 10.

S Jesus used **two different Greek words** translated into English as “know.” Jesus used the word **“OIDA”**, which generally means **to know intuitively** or **instinctively**. Jesus used the word **“GINOSKO”**, which means to have **intelligent comprehension** of

something. The differences between these two words might not be so significant in John 10 because He used both words. Jesus **covered all the bases** when He used both Greek words to describe the relationship between the *sheep* and the *Shepherd*.

S REAL SHEEP KNOW JESUS!

(V. 4), “And when he putteth forth his own sheep, he goeth before them, and the sheep follow him: for they **KNOW** ^(oida) his voice.”

(V. 5), “And a stranger will they not follow, but will flee from him: for they **KNOW** ^(oida) NOT the voice of strangers.”

(V. 14), “I am the good shepherd, and **KNOW** ^(ginosko) my *sheep*, and **AM KNOWN** ^(ginosko) of mine.”

(V. 15), “As the Father **KNOWETH** ^(ginosko) me, even so **KNOW** ^(ginosko) I the Father: and I lay down my life for the sheep.”

(V. 27), “My sheep hear my voice, and I **KNOW** ^(ginosko) them, . . .”

(V. 38), “. . . Though ye believe not me, believe the works: that ye may **KNOW** ^(ginosko), and believe, that the Father *is* in me, and I in him.”

S JESUS WAS AGAIN RELATING **ACTUAL OCCURRENCES** that took place on a daily basis throughout Israel in His day. Jesus spent **significant time observing shepherds** with their **sheep**. It was a fact **THAT SHEPHERDS KNEW** their sheep so well that they could call them by name. In a similar manner, **THE SHEEP KNEW** his shepherd’s voice so well that he could recognize his voice. They **KNEW** each other because they spent so much time together. They lived together night and day out on the hillsides of Judea.

S As I prepared this message in my office, **FLOYD** called on the phone. Floyd didn’t have to say, “Hey this is Floyd.” I knew it was Floyd by simply hearing his voice. That same day **LARRY** walked

into the outer office and was talking loud enough that I could hear him from my office. I walked out to Larry and told him that he had a very distinct voice. I told him that of all the voices I had heard that day in the office, only his voice belonged to Larry. I knew the voices of Floyd and Larry because I have spent some time around both of them.

JESUS SAID:

(V. 14), “I am the good shepherd, and **KNOW** my *sheep*, and am **KNOWN** of mine.”

S THERE IS A DIFFERENCE between “**knowing about**” a person and “**knowing**” a person. We know about **President George Bush**. We know about **Michael Jordan**. We know about **Billy Graham**. But we don’t know them. **Chances are good** that you have never sat down in their homes around the evening dinner table and listened to them share the concerns on their heart. It is one level of knowledge **to know about** a person. It is a deeper level **to know** a person.

S **REAL SHEEP** don’t just “**know about**” Jesus, THEY “**KNOW**” JESUS. They know Jesus because they are “**IN CHRIST.**” Jesus **lives within** His sheep through the person of the Holy Spirit.

C **(1 Cor 6:19)**, “What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost WHICH IS **IN YOU**, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?”

C **(John 14:17)**, “Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it sees him not, neither **KNOWS** him: but you **KNOW** him; for **HE DWELLS WITH YOU, AND SHALL BE IN YOU.**”

C **(Ro 8:16)**, “The Spirit itself **BEARETH WITNESS WITH OUR SPIRIT**, that we are the children of God:”

S **QUESTION – DO YOU “KNOW” JESUS?** Do you have a deep, personal, intimate knowledge of Jesus?

(Jn 15:14-15), “Ye are my **friends**, if ye do whatsoever I command you. ¹⁵ Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant **KNOWETH NOT** what his lord doeth: but I have called you **friends**; for all things that I have heard of my Father I have **MADE KNOWN** unto you.”

S The question is not, “Do you know **about** Jesus?” The question is, “**DO YOU KNOW JESUS?**” Have you sat with Him at His **dinner table** and talked with Him? Have you become familiar with **His love letters** written to you in the New Testament? Do you **commune** with Him in fellowship with the Holy Spirit?

S **True sheep** “know” Jesus! **False sheep** do not “know” Jesus!

I. TRUE SHEEP “**HEAR**” JESUS

II. TRUE SHEEP “**BELIEVE**” JESUS

III. TRUE SHEEP “**KNOW**” JESUS

IV. TRUE SHEEP “FOLLOW” JESUS

The word “**FOLLOW**” occurs **THREE TIMES** in John 10.

(V. 4), “And when he putteth forth his own sheep, he goeth before them, and the sheep **FOLLOW** him: for they know his voice.”

(V. 5), “And a stranger will they not **FOLLOW**, but will flee from him: for they know not the voice of strangers.”

(V. 27), “My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they **FOLLOW** me:”

S **Throughout Scripture** GOD’S **TRUE SHEEP** have **FOLLOWED** GOD. That is true in both the Old Testament and in the New Testament.

S GOD CALLED **ABRAHAM** in the O.T. and he followed God. The **Pharisees** rejected Jesus but claimed to be followers of Abraham. Jesus addressed that error:

(Jo 8:39), “. . . If ye were Abraham's children, **YE WOULD DO THE WORKS OF ABRAHAM.**”

THE **WORKS** OF ABRAHAM WERE **FOURFOLD**. It might not surprise you to find out that those four works are the four characteristics of *true sheep*.

(1) **ABRAHAM "HEARD" GOD!**

God told Abraham to leave his native land. Abraham heard God and obeyed. (Gen 12:1)

(2) **ABRAHAM "BELIEVED" GOD!**

The Scripture states that Abraham's faith was counted unto him as righteousness. (James 2:23)

ABRAHAM EVEN BELIEVED IN **JESUS** EVEN THOUGH HE DID NOT KNOW THE NAME "JESUS":

☪ (**John 8:56**), "Your father Abraham rejoiced to see my day: and he saw it, and was glad."

(3) **ABRAHAM "KNEW" GOD!**

Abraham knew God so well that God counted him as a **FRIEND**.

(**James 2:23**), "... He was called **THE FRIEND OF GOD**."

(**Jn 15:14**), "Ye are my **FRIENDS**, if ye do whatsoever I command you."

(4) **ABRAHAM "FOLLOWED" GOD!**

(**Gen 12:4**), "**SO ABRAM DEPARTED, AS THE LORD HAD SPOKEN** unto him; and Lot went with him: and Abram was **SEVENTY AND FIVE YEARS OLD** when he departed out of Haran."

(**Heb 11:8**), "By faith Abraham, **when he was called to go out** into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, **OBEYED**; and **he went out**, not knowing whither he went."

S O.T. SHEEP, LIKE ABRAHAM, FOLLOWED GOD. In the same manner, **N.T. SHEEP FOLLOW JESUS. EIGHTEEN TIMES JESUS SAID** in the Gospels to various PEOPLE, "**FOLLOW ME**." When those people were His sheep, they followed Him.

(1) JESUS SAID TO **PETER & ANDREW**

(**Mat 4:19-20**), "... '**FOLLOW ME**, and I will make you fishers of men.' {20} **AND THEY STRAIGHTWAY** left their nets, and **FOLLOWED HIM**."

(2) JESUS SAID TO **MATTHEW**

(**Mt 9:9**), "... **FOLLOW ME**. And he arose, and followed him."

(3) JESUS SAID TO **PHILIP**

(**Jn 1:43**), "... **FOLLOW ME**." (Philip followed)

JESUS SAYS TO US ALL:

(1) (**Lk 9:23**), "And he said to *them* all, **IF ANY MAN** will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and **FOLLOW ME**."

(2) (**Jn 12:26**), "**IF ANY MAN** serve me, let him **FOLLOW ME**; and where I am, there shall also my servant be: if any man serve me, him will *my* Father honor."

CAN YOU **SAY WITH CONFIDENCE** that you are **FOLLOWING JESUS?** Have you adopted **GOD'S PURPOSES** as your purposes?

Does John 12:26 characterize your life? **Jesus said:**

(**Jn 12:26**), "If any man serve me, let him **FOLLOW ME**; and **where I am, there shall also my servant be**: if any man serve me, him will *my* Father honor."

CAN YOU **SING** IT WITH ALL YOUR HEART AND MEAN IT:

☪ "**Follow, follow, I will follow Jesus**"?

☪ "**He leadeth me, O blessed thought**"?

OR ARE YOU LIKE:

(1) **KING AGRIPPA**

(**Ac 26:28**), "Then **AGRIPPA** said unto Paul, Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian."

(2) **THE RICH YOUNG RULER**

(**Mk 10:21-22**), "Then Jesus beholding him loved him, and said unto him, One thing thou lackest: go thy way, sell whatsoever thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come, take up the cross, and **FOLLOW ME**.²² And he was sad

at that saying, and **WENT AWAY** grieved: for he had great possessions.”

- I. TRUE SHEEP **“HEAR”** JESUS
- II. TRUE SHEEP **“BELIEVE”** JESUS
- III. TRUE SHEEP **“KNOW”** JESUS
- IV. TRUE SHEEP **“FOLLOW”** JESUS

God’s sheep are faithful to follow the *cloud of God’s presence* like Israel of old did while in the wilderness (Exodus).

FALSE SHEEP:

- I. DO NOT **“HEAR”** JESUS
- II. DO NOT **“BELIEVE”** JESUS
- III. DO NOT **“KNOW”** JESUS
- IV. DO NOT **“FOLLOW”** JESUS.

The life of a *false sheep* is characterized by *independence* from God, rather than *dependence* upon God. *False sheep* do not want to hear God’s voice. To hear God’s voice would result in unwanted conviction (John 16:7-11).

CAN YOU HEAR THE SAVIOR CALLING? Is someone asking in the words of the **PHILIPPIAN JAILER:**

“ . . . Sirs, what must I do to be saved?” (Ac 16:30).

S ENTER IN THROUGH THE DOOR CALLED JESUS. JESUS SAYS:

Ⓒ **(John 10:9)**, "I AM THE DOOR: by me if any man **ENTER IN**, he shall be saved . . . "

Ⓒ **(Jn 5:24)**, “Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that **HEARETH** my word, and **BELIEVETH** on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.”

S OTHER SCRIPTURES:

Ⓒ **(Pr 8:34)**, “Blessed *is* the man that **HEARETH ME**, watching daily at my gates, waiting at the posts of my doors.” (John 10 talks about “gates”)

Ⓒ **(John 1:12)**, "But **AS MANY AS RECEIVED HIM**, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:"

Ⓒ **(John 3:36)**, "**HE THAT BELIEVETH ON THE SON** hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him."

Ⓒ **(Acts 2:38)**, ". . . **REPENT, AND BE BAPTIZED** every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost."