

Believe

JOHN

MESSAGE

STUDY GUIDE

GROUP MATERIAL

SONGS

The Trinity's Shepherding & Our Eternal Security

Bible Reading: John 10:14-18; 22-30

Jesus' "Other Sheep" and CIT (10:16)

The Good Shepherd Metaphor—Is it Realistic? What's the Revelation?

- A. The Overall Scenario
- B. The Shepherd 'Laying Down his life for the Sheep' (10:11, 15, 17, 18)

The Trinity (Father & Son) as Good Shepherd

- A. The LORD (YHWH) as Shepherd (Psalm 23)
- B. The Lord GOD Ezekiel 34
- C. The Trinity (Father & Son) in Jesus' Good Shepherding
 - 1. "The Good Shepherd"... refers to Jesus and also to God [the Father]" –Lamar Williamson
- D. Jesus' Gift of eternal life is based on his laying down his life (10:11, 28)
- E. God's Initiative & Sovereignty

The Believer's Eternal Security—"...by no means perish... not ever" (10:28)

- A. The Issues
 - 1. "Can a person who has trusted Jesus Christ as personal Savior, once saved, be lost again?"

2. "Can a born-again Christ-Believer at any time lose their salvation?"
- B. What is 'Eternal Security'?
1. "God's born-again children 'possess eternal life at the instant they place their trust in Jesus Christ. Eternal life began at the moment of saving faith & continues foreverthroughout eternity.'" –Ankerberg & Weldon
 2. "Eternal security is that work of God which guarantees that the gift of salvation, once received, is possessed forever & cannot be lost." –Charles C. Ryrie
- C. Eternal Security in John's Gospel(10:27-30)
1. Eternal security—introduced
 2. Double Negative—"never perish—ever!" (10:28)
 3. Never perish—"throughout the ages(toall eternity)"
 4. Securely Protected by the "double, invincible grip of the Son & the Father"(10:28-29)
 1. "The 'eternal life' ...is a life they cannot lose, forfeit, or have snatched forcibly...from them because of the double, invincible grip of the Son & the Father..."—James McGahey
- D. Eternal life makes us children of God, 'born again/from above' (1:12; 3:3-6)
1. Once you're "born again," you can't be "unborn"/ "de-born"!
 2. Do you identify as a Child(son) of God or a Slave (servant)?(8:35)
 1. "Can we be born into God's family one moment & repudiated from it the next? The Bible indicates that it is a permanent relationship." –John Stott
 3. Are "dropout Christ-believers" still saved?
 1. Q: "I spent several years of my life away from God. I became a Christian as a youngster, but when I was a teenager, I quit going to Church & reading my Bible. I stopped praying to God & obeying Him. During that time, was I saved?"
 4. Being in God's Family is a matter of faith, not feelings
- E. Sheep/Believers: The Father's Greatest Gift to the Son (10:29)
1. "In John's Gospel the 'security' of Christian believers rests on their profound value in God's sight, & on the Father's work in their lives long before theyever came consciously & willingly to the Son in faith."—J. RamseyMichaels
- F. Based on the Oneness of the Son & the Father (10:30)