

JOHN: THE WORD: GRACE AND TRUTH #15**John 10:1-21**

A quick review of **John 9**:

As He passed by, He saw a man blind from birth. <sup>2</sup> And His disciples asked Him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he would be born blind?" <sup>3</sup> Jesus answered, "*It was neither that* this man sinned, nor his parents; but *it was* so that the works of God might be displayed in him. <sup>4</sup> We must work the works of Him who sent Me as long as it is day; night is coming when no one can work. **John 9:1-4 NASB**

- There was great purpose in this healing...so that "the works of God might be displayed in him..." (**John 9:3-4**)...and so people would believe in Jesus.
- The Pharisees were 'back at it'...it was the Sabbath when Jesus healed the man.
- This man cannot be from God...he healed this man on the Sabbath.
- They interrogate the man who had been healed...including his parents and then they question this man again. (**v13-34**)
- So, a second time they called the man who had been blind and said, "Give glory to God, we know that this man (Jesus) is a sinner." **v24**
- ...I was blind and now I see. **v25**
- You do not want to become his disciples too, do you? **v27**
- The Pharisees declare their loyalty to Moses, but they don't know where Jesus is from. **v28-29**

<sup>30</sup>The man answered and said to them, "Well, here is an amazing thing, that you do not know where He is from, and yet He opened my eyes. <sup>31</sup> We know that God does not hear sinners; but if anyone is God-fearing and does His will, He hears him. <sup>32</sup> [d]Since the beginning of time it has never been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. <sup>33</sup> If this man were not from God, He could do nothing." <sup>34</sup> They answered him, "You were born entirely in sins, and are you teaching us?" So they put him out. **John 9:30-34 NASB**

- What a testimony!
- "Since the beginning of time (**v32**)...the beginning of the age...since the 'merging' of eternity into time (**Genesis 1**) this has never happened...this is a true Kairos moment...eternity merging into time...a kingdom breakthrough...Heaven penetrating Earth...and the Pharisees didn't know if this was of God...amazing!
- Jesus the Good Shepherd

"Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter by the door into the fold of the sheep, but climbs up some other way, he is a thief and a robber. <sup>2</sup> But he who enters by the door is a shepherd of the sheep. <sup>3</sup> To him the doorkeeper opens, and the sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. <sup>4</sup> When he puts forth all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. <sup>5</sup> A stranger they simply will not follow, but will flee from him, because they do not know the voice of strangers." <sup>6</sup> This figure of speech Jesus spoke to them, but they did not understand what those things were which He had been saying to them. **John 10:1-6 NASB**

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- The Jews understand God as their shepherd, their royal care taker.

The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want. <sup>2</sup>He makes me lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside quiet waters. <sup>3</sup>He restores my soul; He guides me in the paths of righteousness For His name's sake. **Psalm 23:1-3 NASB**

Oh, give ear, Shepherd of Israel, You who lead Joseph like a flock; You who are enthroned *above* the cherubim, shine forth! <sup>2</sup>Before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh, stir up Your power and come to save us! <sup>3</sup>O God, restore us and cause Your face to shine *upon us*, and we will be saved. **Psalm 80:1-3 NASB**

<sup>9</sup>Get yourself up on a high mountain, O Zion, bearer of good news, lift up your voice mightily, O Jerusalem, bearer of good news; lift *it* up, do not fear. Say to the cities of Judah, "Here is your God!" <sup>10</sup>Behold, the Lord GOD will come with might, with His arm ruling for Him. Behold, His reward is with Him and His recompense before Him. <sup>11</sup>Like a shepherd He will tend His flock, in His arm He will gather the lambs and carry *them* in His bosom; He will gently lead the nursing *ewes*.

<sup>19</sup>As for My flock, they must eat what you tread down with your feet and drink what you foul with your feet!" <sup>20</sup>Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them, "Behold, I, even I, will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. <sup>21</sup>Because you push with side and with shoulder, and thrust at all the <sup>[t]</sup>weak with your horns until you have scattered them abroad, <sup>22</sup>therefore, I will deliver My flock, and they will no longer be a prey; and I will judge between one sheep and another. <sup>23</sup>"Then I will set over them one shepherd, My servant David, and he will feed them; he will feed them himself and be their shepherd. <sup>24</sup>And I, the LORD, will be their God, and My servant David will be prince among them; I the LORD have spoken. <sup>25</sup>"I will make a covenant of peace with them and eliminate harmful beasts from the land so that they may live securely in the wilderness and sleep in the woods. **Ezekiel 34:19-25 NASB** (a messianic prophecy)

- **John 10:3-4**...“He calls His own sheep by their names and leads (not drives...) them out. – **Weymouth**
- “And the sheep hear His voice, and He personally calls the sheep which are His private possession by name and leads them out! **Wuest**
- **V5** They do not follow a stranger...I like to say, the sheep won't follow a 'strange voice'!
- **V6** “Jesus spoke to them in figurative language, but they did not understand what He meant” **Weymouth**
- So, what did Jesus do?

<sup>7</sup>So Jesus said to them again, “Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. <sup>8</sup>All who came before Me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not hear them. <sup>9</sup>I am the door; if anyone enters through Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture. <sup>10</sup>The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I came that they may have life, and have *it* abundantly. **John 10:7-10 NASB**

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- Jesus says again...(an immediate second chance for His hearers)...”Truly, truly...I assure you most solemnly I tell you, that I Myself am the door for the sheep...**John 10:7 AMPC**
- Jesus says that all the ‘Messiah want to be’s’ were thieves and robbers but He tells them I am the Door; if anyone enters through Me, he will be saved...

For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost.” **Luke 19:10 NASB**

- Jesus comes to give life abundantly.

The thief comes only in order to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have *and* enjoy life, and have it in abundance (to the full, till it overflows). **John 10:10 AMPC**

- ...”I alone came in order that they may be possessing life, and that they may be possessing it in superabundance.” **John 10:10 Wuest**

But if Christ lives in you, [then although] your [natural] body is dead by reason of sin *and* guilt, the spirit is alive because of [the] righteousness [that He imputes to you]. **Romans 8:10 AMPC**

- Self-descriptions by Jesus:
  - I AM the Light of the world. **John 8:12** and **John 9:5**
  - I AM the Door of the sheep. **John:7,9**
  - I AM the Good Shepherd. **John 10:11, 14**
  - I AM the Resurrection and the Life. **John 11:25**
  - I AM the Way, the Truth, and the Life. **John 14:6**
  - I AM the True Vine. **John 15:1,5**

<sup>11</sup>The Scripture says, no man who believes in Him [who adheres to, relies on, and trusts in Him] will [ever] be put to shame *or* be disappointed. <sup>12</sup>[No one] for there is no distinction between Jew and Greek. The same Lord is Lord over all [of us] and He generously bestows His riches upon all who call upon Him [in faith]. <sup>13</sup>For everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord [invoking Him as Lord] will be saved.<sup>14</sup> But how are people to call upon Him Whom they have not believed [in Whom they have no faith, on Whom they have no reliance]? And how are they to believe in Him [adhere to, trust in, and rely upon Him] of Whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without a preacher?<sup>15</sup> And how can men [be expected to] preach unless they are sent? As it is written, how beautiful are the feet of those who bring glad tidings! [How welcome is the coming of those who preach the good news of His good things!]<sup>16</sup> But they have not all heeded the Gospel; for Isaiah says, Lord, who has believed (had faith in) what he has heard from us?<sup>17</sup> So faith comes by hearing [what is told], and what is heard comes by the preaching [of the message that came from the lips] of Christ (the Messiah Himself).<sup>18</sup> But I ask, Have they not heard? Indeed they have; [for the Scripture says] Their voice [that of nature bearing God’s message] has gone out to all the earth, and their words to the far bounds of the world. <sup>19</sup>Again I ask, Did Israel not understand? [Did the Jews have no warning that the Gospel was to go forth to the Gentiles, to all the earth?] First, there is Moses who says, I will make you jealous of those who are not a nation; with a foolish nation I will make you angry.<sup>20</sup> Then Isaiah

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is so bold as to say, I have been found by those who did not seek Me; I have shown (revealed) Myself to those who did not [consciously] ask for Me.<sup>21</sup> But of Israel he says, All day long I have stretched out My hands to a people unyielding *and* disobedient and self-willed [to a faultfinding, contrary, and contradicting people]. **John 10:11-21 NASB**

- The Good Shepherd – sacrificial love (**v11**)
  - The hired hand...it is just a job...no covenantial connection...there is not a connection to or a concern for the sheep...just self-preservation and self protection. (**v12-13**)
  - I AM the Good Shepherd...My sheep and I know each other...we know and recognize each other. (**v14-15**) (Voice Activated Discipleship)
  - As surely and certainly as the Father and the Son know each other, so Jesus is laying down His life for the sheep.
  - WOW!
  - I have other sheep (Jews and Gentiles) One True Global Church, One True Family of God (**v16**)
  - Jesus lovingly and freely lays down His life for us and He was empowered and authorized with authority to defeat death and come to life again. (**v17-18**)
  - No one 'stole' His life or took it from Him...He gave it and had commanded authority and purpose to raise up again...crucifixion – resurrection – ascension – and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.
  - The people were divided; He either was demon-possessed, insane, or He was the Messiah!
  - The human dilemma!