

John 10;12-42

He lays down His life; Martyrdom?; Dangerous
“hirelings” are wolves; Who Is The Shepherd?; Jesus
Announces The Church; Not crazy or insane;
Hanukkah, the Feast of the Dedication; OSAS,
Eternal security, “He is able”; “You are gods”; Know,
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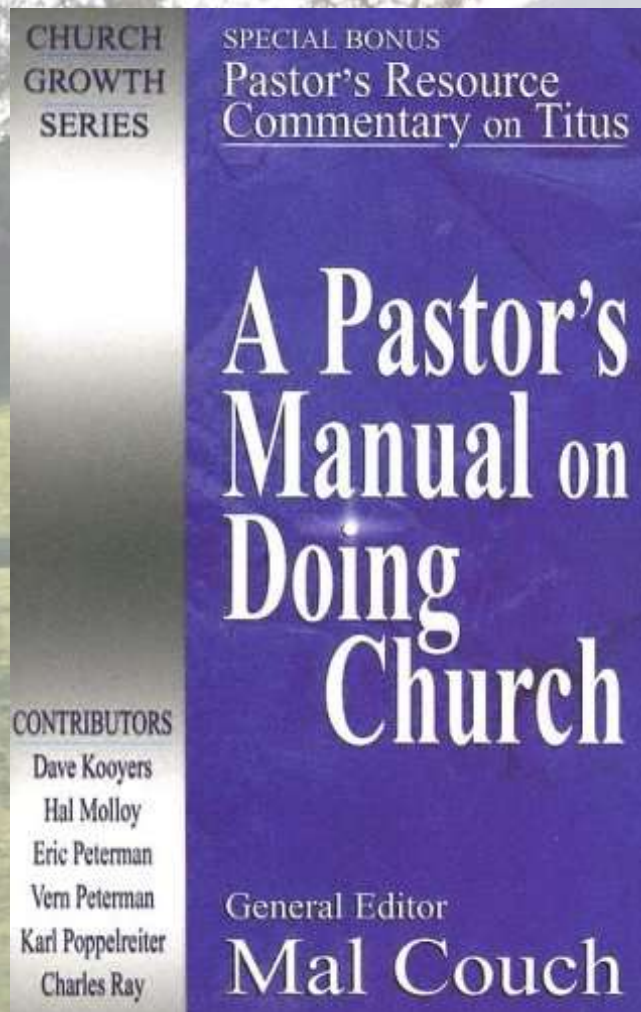
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Matthew 10:8 ...Freely you received, freely give.



Think “sheep/Shepherd”

JOHN

Chapter 10:1-21



John 10:12,



John 10:1, Sheep Fold

“courtyard...; fold for sheep...”



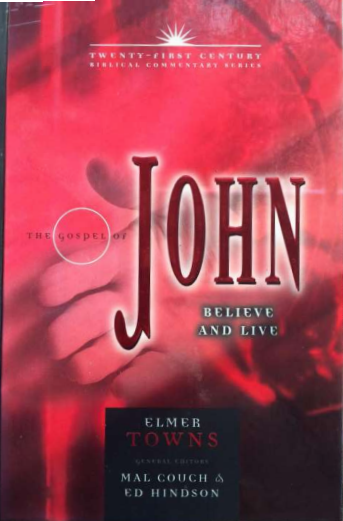
John 10:1, Sheep Fold



I am the gate for the sheep

- John 10:9





John, Believe And Live,

Elmer Towns, Mal Couch and Ed Hindson, Twenty-First Century Biblical Commentary Series, page

Description of Person	Relation to Sheep	Purpose and Goal	Who They Symbolize
<i>Doorkeeper</i>	<i>Care</i>	<i>Open door to Christ</i>	<i>John the Baptist</i>
<i>Shepherd</i>	<i>Owner</i>	<i>Lead (10:3), feed (10:9), give life for sheep (10:11, 15, 17)</i>	<i>Christ</i>
<i>Thief and robber</i>	<i>Rustlers</i>	<i>Steal, kill (10:10)</i>	<i>Pharisees</i>
<i>Wolf</i>	<i>Enemy</i>	<i>Destroy</i>	<i>Satan</i>
<i>Hireling</i>	<i>Legal guardian</i>	<i>Self-interest, indifference toward sheep (10:13)</i>	<i>Priests and/or Levites</i>

Good Shepherd

- ^{NAU} John 10:11 "I am the good shepherd; the good shepherd lays down His life for the sheep. 12 "He who is a hired hand, and not a shepherd, who is not the owner of the sheep, sees the wolf coming, and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. 13 "He flees because he is a hired hand and is not concerned about the sheep. 14 "I am the good shepherd, and I know My own and My own know Me, 15 even as the Father knows Me and I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep.

John 10:11, Shepherds

- NAU John 10:11 "I am the good shepherd; the good shepherd lays down His life for the sheep.
- NAU John 15:13 "Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his friends.
- NAU John 10:15 even as the Father knows Me and I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep.



Good Shepherd

NAU John 10:11 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...

John 10:12, Dangerous “hirelings”

- Ezekiel 34, the whole chapter is a must read/study, if you want to understand John chapter 10 and who the good Shepherd is. You must also look at Psalm 23:1.
- NAS Psalm 23:1 ... The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.
- Jesus is not warning them about literal wolves, but dangerous religious wolves, “hirelings.”
- Let's look at Ezekiel 34;

John 10:12, Dangerous “wolves”

- NAS Ezekiel 34:1 Then the word of the LORD came to me saying, 2 "Son of man, prophesy against the shepherds of Israel. Prophesy and say to those shepherds, 'Thus says the Lord God, "Woe, shepherds of Israel who have been feeding themselves! Should not the shepherds feed the flock?... 10 'Thus says the Lord God, "Behold, I am against the shepherds, and I shall demand My sheep from them... 13 "And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries and bring them to their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel...

John 10:12, Dangerous “wolves”

- 15 "I will feed My flock and I will lead them to rest," declares the Lord God... 17 ...I will judge between one sheep and another, between the rams and the male goats... 23 "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 24 "And I, the LORD, will be their God, and My servant David will be prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken... 28 "And they will no longer be a prey to the nations... but they will live securely, and no one will make them afraid... 30 "Then they will know that I, the LORD their God, am with them, and that they, **the house of Israel, are My people**," declares the Lord God.

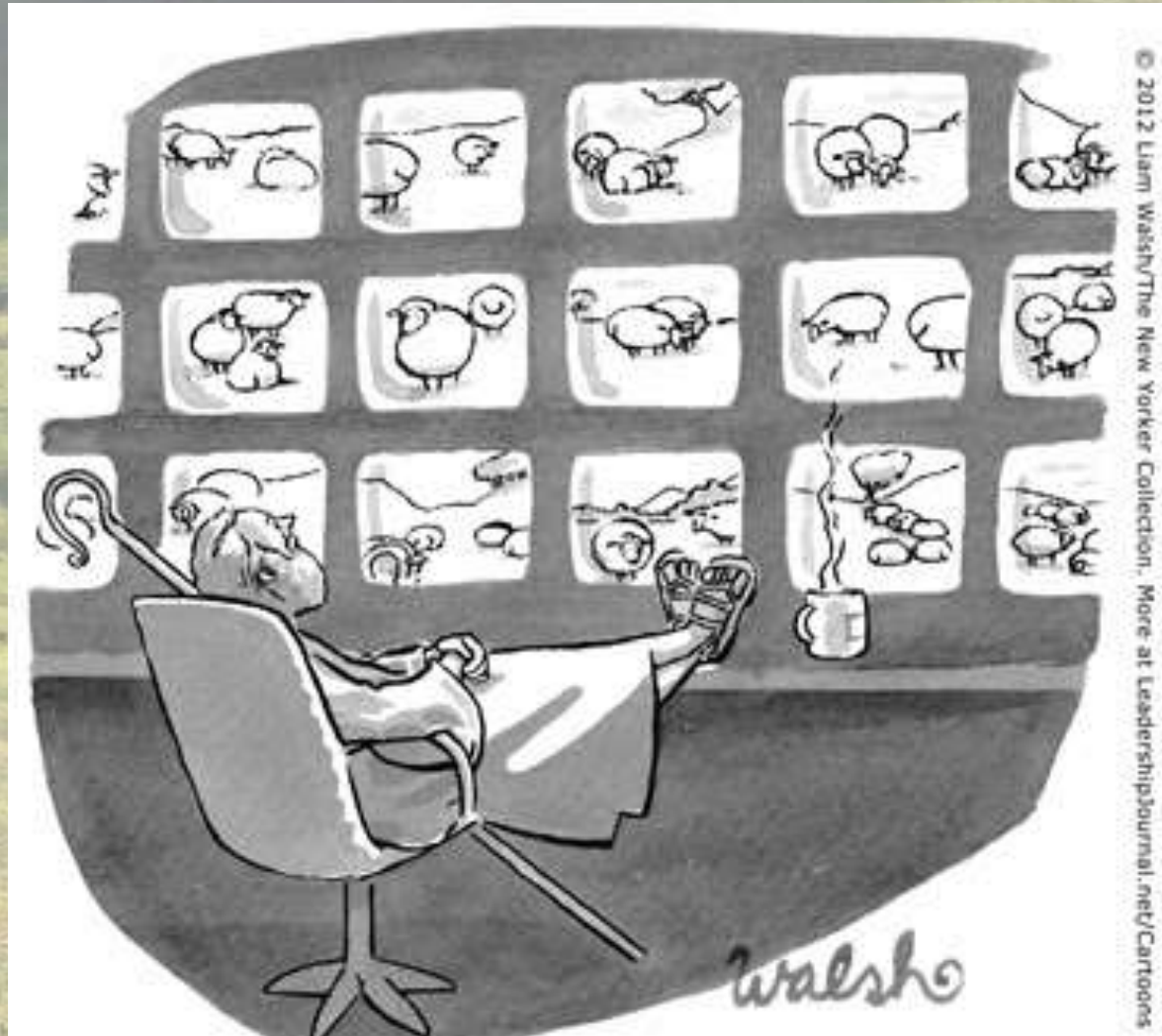
John 10:12, Dangerous “wolves”

- The ultimate bad shepherd is the Antichrist, described in:
- KJV Zechariah 11:15 And the LORD said... **a foolish shepherd**. 16 For, lo, I will raise up a shepherd in the land, which shall not visit those that be cut off, neither shall seek the young one, nor heal that that is broken, nor feed that that standeth still: but he shall eat the flesh of the fat, and tear their claws in pieces. 17 **Woe to the idol shepherd** that leaveth the flock! the sword shall be upon his arm, and upon his right eye: his arm shall be clean dried up, and his right eye shall be utterly darkened.

NAU John 10:12 "He who is a hired hand, and not a shepherd, who is not the owner of the sheep, sees the wolf coming, and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them.

NAU Zechariah 11:17
"Woe to the
worthless shepherd
Who leaves the flock!

A sword will be on his
arm And on his right
eye! His arm will be
totally withered And
his right eye will be
blind."



John 10:14

"I am the good shepherd..."



John 10:14 "I am the good shepherd

- NAU John 10:14 "I am [*ego eimi*] the good shepherd, and I know My own and My own know Me,
- When Jesus says "My own" He is making a deity claim, He is claiming God's sheep as His own;
- NAU Isaiah 40:10 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.
11 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.

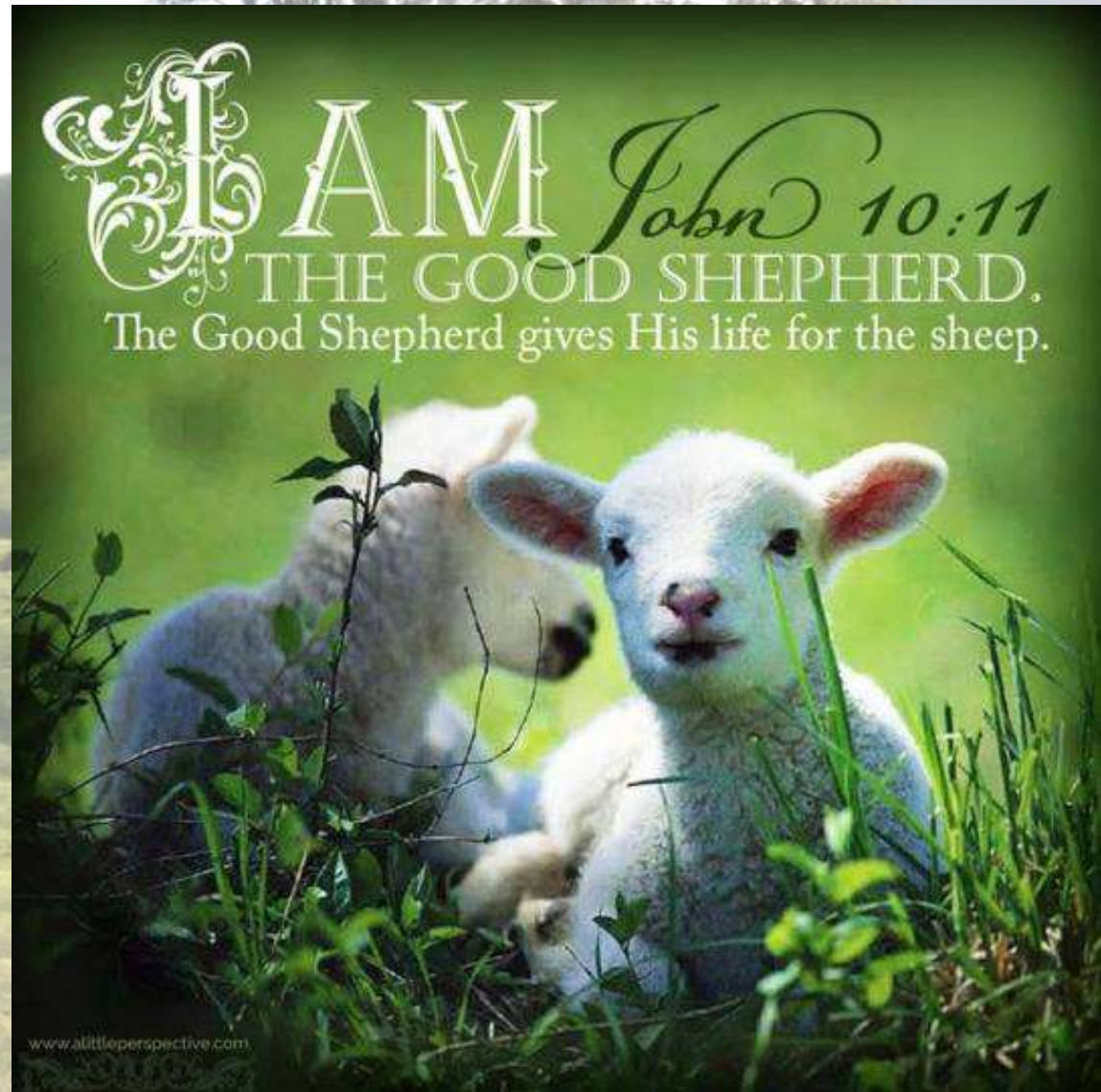
Our List of Deity Claims in John 5

- ✗#1, "Making himself equal with God," v. 18
- ✗#2, "whatever the Father does the Son also does," v.19
- ✗#3, "just as the Father...gives...life...the Son gives life" v.21
- ✗#4, "all judgment to the Son," v. 22
- ✗#5, "honor the Son just as they honor the Father," v.23
- ✗#6, "whoever hears my word.... has eternal life," v.24
- ✗#7, the dead will hear His voice and live, v. 25
- ✗#8, As the Father, so the Son has life in himself, v.26
- ✗#9, Claiming authority to judge & he is the Son of Man, v.27
- ✗#10, all who are in graves will hear his voice & rise, v.29
- ✗#11, the Scriptures testify about me , v.39

If You Need More

- ✗ John 10:15 just as the Father knows me and I know the Father
- ✗ John 10:28 I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish;
- ✗ John 10:30 I and the Father are one."
- ✗ John 10:36 you accuse me of blasphemy because I said, 'I am God's Son'?
- ✗ John 10:38 the Father is in me, and I in the Father.
- ✗ John 12:32 when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to myself.
- ✗ John 14:7 If you really knew me, you would know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him."
- ✗ John 14:9 Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father
- ✗ John 14:10 I am in the Father, and that the Father is in

John 10:14
Jesus repeated the
Good Shepherd
claim,
What was he
claiming?



John 10:14, Who Is The Shepherd?

- Isaiah 40:9... O Jerusalem... "Here is your God!" ¹⁰ 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. ¹¹ Like a shepherd He will tend His flock, In His arm He will gather the lambs, And carry them in His bosom...¹² Who has measured the waters in the hollow of His hand, And marked off the heavens by the span, And calculated the dust of the earth by the measure, And weighed the mountains in a balance, And the hills in a pair of scales? ...¹⁵...Behold, He lifts up the islands like fine dust....¹⁷ All the nations are as nothing before Him, They are regarded by Him as less than nothing and meaningless. ¹⁸ To whom then will you liken God? Or what likeness will you compare with Him?...

John 10:14, The Shepherd is the Stone of Israel

- Genesis 49:24 ...From the hands of the Mighty One of Jacob (From there is the Shepherd, the Stone of Israel),
- NIVO 1 Corinthians 10:4 ...the spiritual rock that accompanied them, and that rock was Christ.

John 10:14, Who Is The Shepherd?

- Matthew 26:31 Then Jesus said to them, "You will all fall away because of Me this night, for it is written, 'I WILL STRIKE DOWN THE SHEPHERD, AND THE SHEEP OF THE FLOCK SHALL BE SCATTERED.'
- Zechariah 13:7 "Awake, O sword, against My Shepherd, And against the man, My Associate," Declares the LORD of hosts. "Strike the Shepherd that the sheep may be scattered; And I will turn My hand against the little ones.
- Jesus treated future prophecy as normal, literal, historical, narrative, written in advance.
- 1 Peter 2:25...the Shepherd and Guardian of your souls.

John 10:14, Sheep And Goats

- Ezekiel 34:11 For thus says the Lord GOD, "Behold, I Myself will search for My sheep and seek them out. ¹² "As a shepherd cares for his herd in the day when he is among his scattered sheep, so I will care for My sheep and will deliver them from all the places to which they were scattered on a cloudy and gloomy day. ¹³ ...I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the streams, and in all the inhabited places of the land. ¹⁴ ...on the mountain heights of Israel. There they will lie down on good grazing ground and feed in rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. ¹⁵ "I will feed My flock and I will lead them to rest," declares the Lord GOD. ¹⁶ "I will seek the lost, bring back the scattered, bind up the broken and strengthen the sick; but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with judgment. ¹⁷ "As for you, My flock, thus says the Lord GOD, 'Behold, I will judge between one sheep and another, between the rams and the male goats."

John 10:14, Who Is The Shepherd?

- 1 Peter 5:4 And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the unfading crown of glory.
- Micah 5:4 And He will arise and shepherd His flock In the strength of the LORD, In the majesty of the name of the LORD His God. And they will remain
- Ezekiel 37:22-28....24 "My servant David will be king over them, and they will all have one shepherd;
- Psalm 23:1 The LORD is my shepherd...
- John 10:14 "I am the good shepherd, and I know My own and My own know Me,
- Hebrews 13:20 Matthew 2:6 Mark 14:27 Isaiah 44:28 Psalm 28:9

John 10:15, Martyrdom?

- NAU John 10:15 even as the Father knows Me and I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep.
- Never tolerate the idea of martyrdom about the cross of Jesus Christ. The cross was a superb triumph in which the foundations of hell were shaken. There is nothing more certain in time or eternity than what Jesus Christ did on the cross: He switched the whole of the human race back into a right relationship with God.

Oswald Chambers

John 10:16

Jesus Announces The Church

- NAU John 10:16 "I have other sheep, which are not of this fold; I must bring them also, and they will hear My voice; and they will become one flock with one shepherd."
- NAU John 10:1 ...the fold of the sheep...
- Only the Gospel of John uses "fold" in the NAU NT.
- Jesus is saying that He has Gentile sheep which are not of Israel. Praise God! Gal 3:28

John 10:16, “one flock”

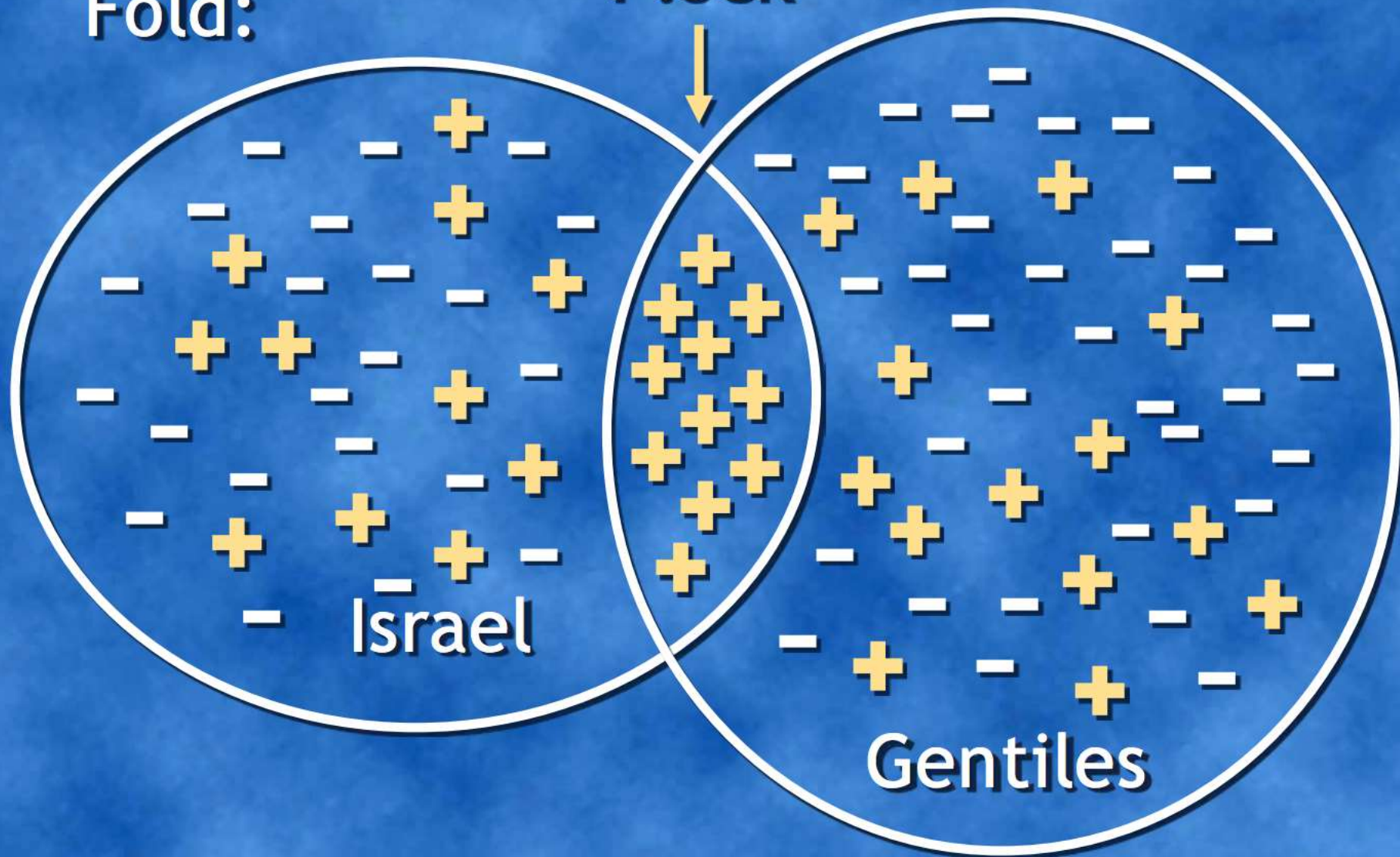
- NAU John 10:16 ...they will become one flock with one shepherd.
- NAU Galatians 3:27 For all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. 28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free man, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. For all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.
- NAU 1 Corinthians 12:13 For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

DTS, The Gospel of John

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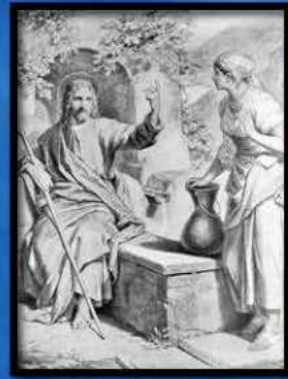
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Jesus as the Good Shepherd

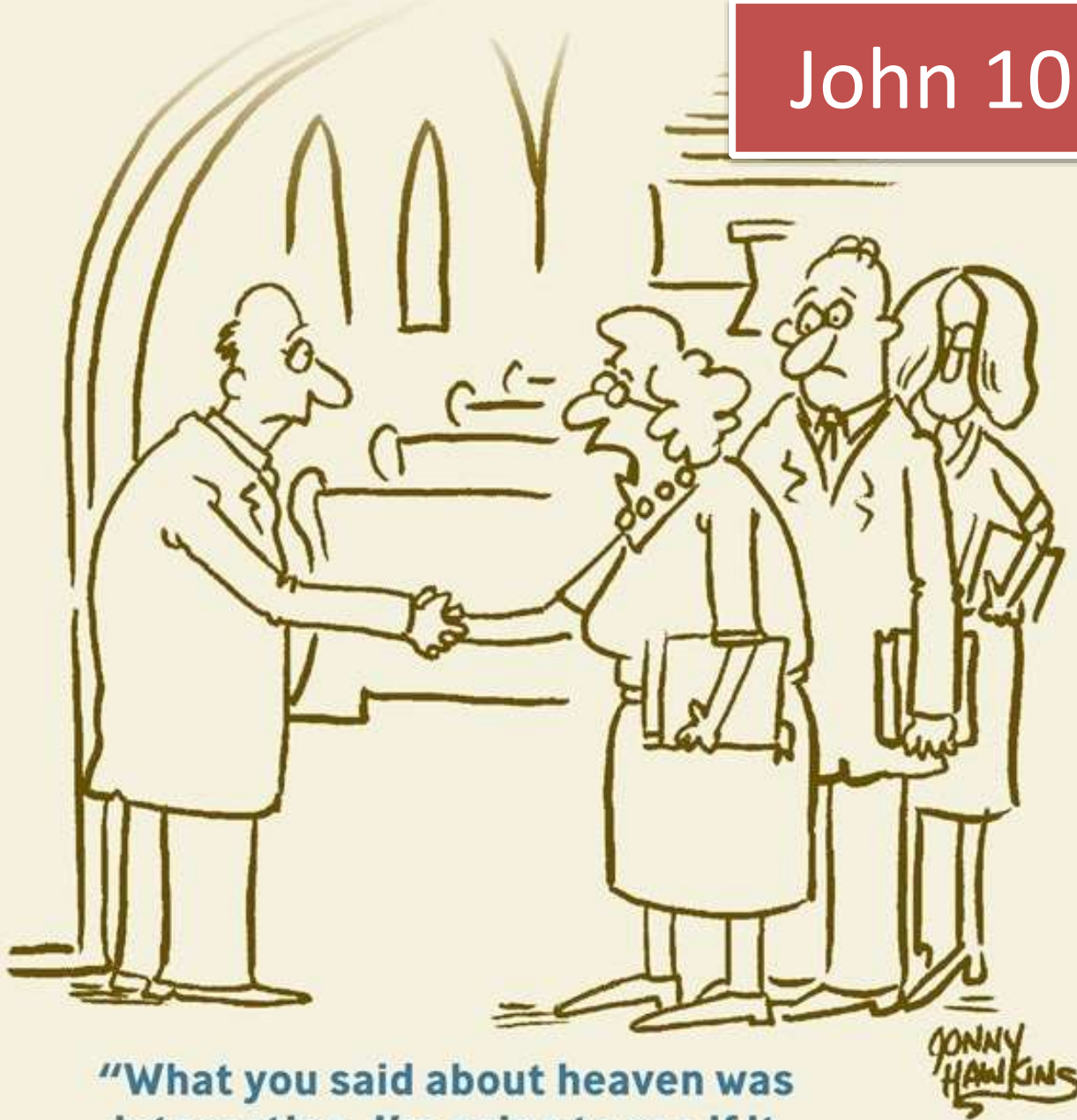


1. His motive is to give life to His sheep.
2. He sacrifices Himself to save His sheep.
3. He knows His sheep intimately.
4. He protects His sheep.
5. He leads His sheep.

John 10:18, Who Raised Jesus

- John 10:18 "No one has taken it away from Me, but I lay it down on My own initiative. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This commandment I received from My Father."
- John 2:19 Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days **I will raise it up.**"
- Rom 4:24, 2 Corinthians 4:14 knowing that He who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and will present us with you.
- Acts 3:15, 4:10, 5:30, 2:24, 2:32 "This Jesus **God raised** up again, to which we are all witnesses.
- Romans 4:24, 8:11 But if **the Spirit** of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.

John 10:18, Authority

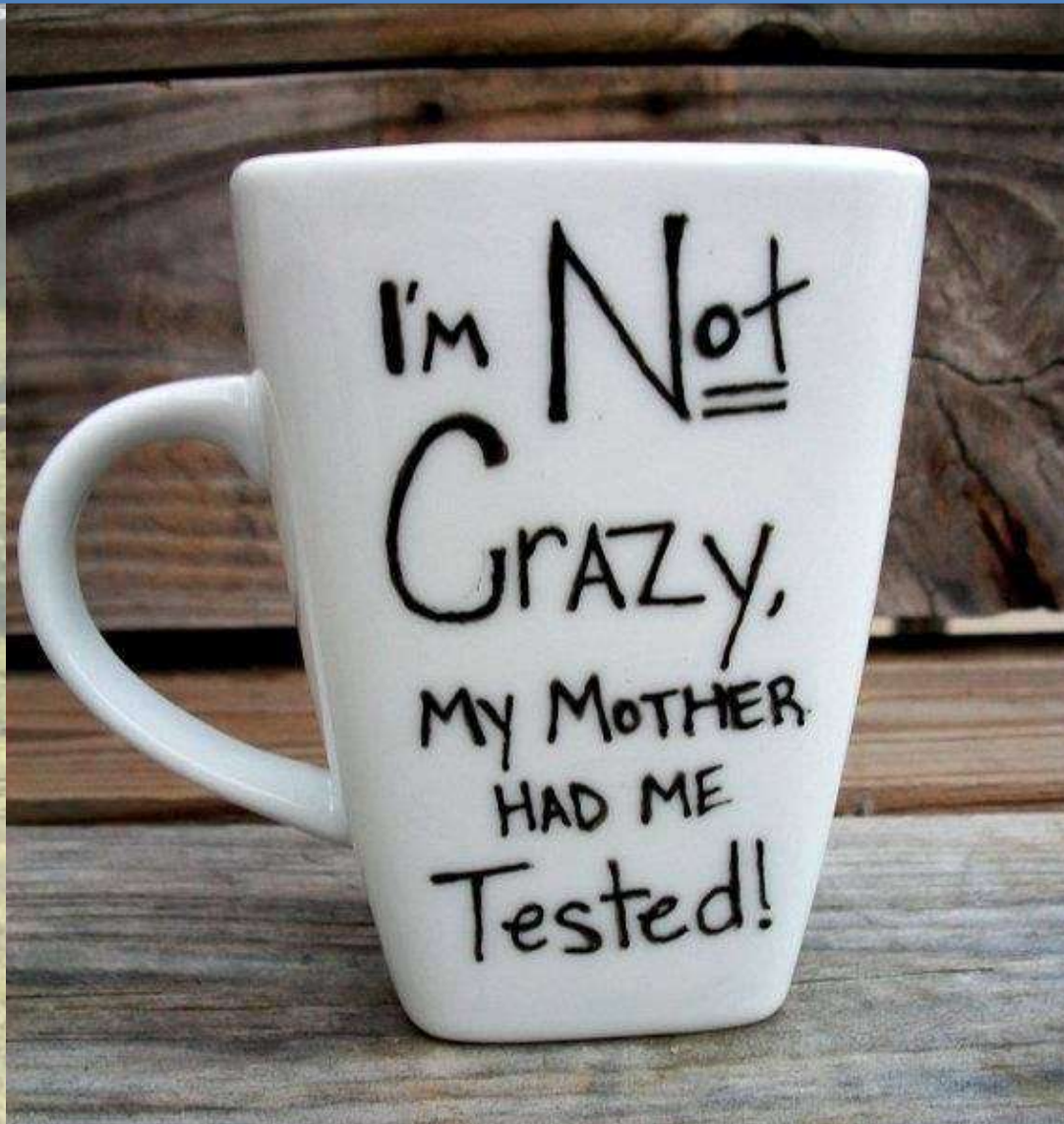


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John 10:18 ... I
have authority...
So does Oprah

John 10:20, Insane

John 10:20 Many of them were saying, "He has a demon and is insane. Why do you listen to Him?"



John 10:20, Mad, Insane

HOW I LEARNED TO MIND MY OWN BUSINESS:

I was walking past the mental hospital
the other day, and all the patients
were shouting, "13...13...13."

The fence was too high to see over,
but I saw a little gap in the planks, so I looked
through to see what was going on.

Some idiot poked me in the eye with a stick,
then they all started shouting, "14...14...14."

John 10:22, Dedication, Chanukkah, Chanukah, Hanukkah

- NAU John 10:22 At that time the Feast of the Dedication took place at Jerusalem; 23 it was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple in the portico of Solomon.
- The Hebrew word Hanukkah is used in Nehemiah 12:27 Now at the dedication of the wall of Jerusalem...
- 02598... chanukkah (335c)
- Meaning: dedication, consecration
- Usage: dedication(7).



Noam Chen captured this fantastic image during the Jerusalem Lights Festival.



John 10:22, Hanukkah by George Gunn

- “We are [were] in the midst of the 8-day Jewish celebration, Hanukkah. When the Jews found themselves under unbearable Syrian oppression in the 2nd century BC they rose up notably to accomplish 2 things: (1) To throw off the bonds of their tyranny; (2) to gain back their freedom to worship God freely. The task was daunting, for the Syrian army was mighty, and the Jewish rebels were meager. But God miraculously granted the Jewish rebels a great victory. The two goals of these brave and faithful Jewish rebels resonate with Americans, for they represent the same

John 10:22, Hanukkah by George Gunn

- truths that are dear to our hearts: freedom of self-government, and freedom of religion. Though the festival of Hanukkah is not prescribed in the Bible, the Jewish rebellion against the Syrians was prophesied by Daniel. Daniel described the bravery of these patriots in these words: "the people who know their God will display strength and take action" (Daniel 11:32). Freedom is precious, but sometimes God only grants it to those who "display strength and take action." These are words that may be apropos to 21st century Americans."

- Jerusalem Daily Photo, Yehoshua Halevi's photo of the Damascus Gate outside Jerusalem's Old City, illuminated during the Jerusalem Light Festival.



- Jerusalem Daily Photo, Noam Chen's stunning photo captures the blending of the past with the present: the Old City of Jerusalem during the Festival of Light.



John 10:22, Feast of the Dedication, Hanukkah, Chanukah

Oh dear,
Wal-Mart.
This brings
FAIL to new
depths.



Modern Chanukah Miracle: First Pure Olive Oil in 2000 Years

For the first time in 2000 years, pure olive oil and the required vessels have been produced in full conformity with the laws of the Torah.



On Monday evening, the seventh night of Chanukah, an exceptional celebration and candle-lighting service will be held in the Holy City of Jerusalem thanks to the production of the first pure olive oil – according to Torah standards – in 2000 years...The Temple Institute, founded in 1987, is a non-profit educational and religious organization located in the Jewish quarter of Jerusalem's Old City....

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“Winter”

NAU John 10:23 it
was winter, and
Jesus was walking in
the temple in the
portico of Solomon.

- Winter at my sisters in
Soldotna Alaska



John 10:28, OSAS, Eternal Security

NAU John 10:28 and I give eternal life to them, and **they will never perish**; and no one will snatch them out of My hand. 29 "My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand.

For I am sure that neither ~~death~~ nor ~~life~~, nor ~~angels~~ nor ~~rulers~~, nor things ~~present~~ nor ~~things to come~~, nor ~~powers~~, nor ~~height~~ nor ~~depth~~, nor anything else in all ~~creation~~, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8:38–9

John 10:28, OSAS, Eternal Security, “sealed”

- NAU 2 Corinthians 1:22 who also sealed us and gave us the Spirit in our hearts as a pledge.
- NAU 2 Corinthians 5:5 Now He who prepared us for this very purpose is God, who gave to us the Spirit as a pledge.
- NAU Ephesians 1:13 In Him, you also, after listening to the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation--having also believed, you were sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of promise, 14 who is given as a pledge of our inheritance, with a view to the redemption of God's own possession, to the praise of His glory.

John 10:28, OSAS, Eternal Security, “He is able”

- NKJ Hebrews 7:25 Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.
- It is not my ability, but my response to God's ability, that counts. Corrie ten Boom
- 2 Timothy 1:12 ...He is able to guard what I have entrusted to Him until that day.
- Philippians 1:6 ...He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus.
- Romans 14:4...the Lord is able to make him stand.

Ephesians 3:20 Galatians 3:3 1 Thessalonians 5:24 2 Corinthians 1:21-22 Philippians 1:6, 3:20 -21 2 Timothy 1:12 Hebrews 7:25
Jude 1:1+24

John 10:28, OSAS, Eternal Security, “Sin Unto Death”

- NAU 1 Corinthians 5:5 I have decided to deliver such a one to Satan for the destruction of his flesh, so that his spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus.
- Even a Christian who has been delivered to Satan, and his flesh destroyed, will be saved.
- NAU 1 John 5:16 If anyone sees his brother committing a sin not leading to death, he shall ask and God will for him give life to those who commit sin not leading to death. There is a sin leading to death; I do not say that he should make request for this.

John 10:28, OSAS, Eternal Security, “guaranteed”

- We can have assurance of our salvation because Paul says in;
- Romans 4:16, "For this reason it is by faith, in order that it may be in accordance with grace, so that **the promise will be guaranteed** to all the descendants, not only to those who are of the Law, but also to those who are of the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all..."
- NAU Hebrews 7:22 ...Jesus has become the guarantee of a better covenant.
- If Jesus is the guarantee, are you “in Him”?

John 10:34, “You are gods”

- NAU John 10:34 Jesus answered them, "Has it not been written in your Law, 'I SAID, YOU ARE GODS'?"
- The Jehovah witnesses abuse this verse to try to prove that Jesus is just a created being and not infinite Deity. So let's look at its context and try to figure out what God is saying.

John 10:34, “You are gods”

- John 10:34 ...'I SAID, YOU ARE GODS '?
- NAU Psalm 82:4 Rescue the weak and needy; Deliver them out of the hand of **the wicked**. 5 **They** do not know nor do **they** understand; **They** walk about in darkness; All the foundations of the earth are shaken. 6 I said, "You are gods, And **all of you are sons of the Most High**. 7 "Nevertheless **you will die** like men, And fall like any one of the princes."
- Even wicked rulers, when given, by God, the authority to execute justice and demand obedience (sitting in Moses's seat) demand respect. Just as a wicked CHP officer represents the state. He is the state.

John 10:38, Know

- No other New Testament book (NAU) has more uses of the word “know” than the book of John. Only the book of Ezekiel has more uses (6 more in NAU). However Ezekiel has 394 verses. John has the greatest concentration of the word “know” in the entire Bible. John wants us to know certainly;
- NAU John 4:42 and they were saying to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves and know that this One is indeed the Savior of the world."
- NAU John 20:31 but these have been written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing you may have life in His name.
- NAU 1 John 5:13 These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that **you may know** that you have eternal life

John 17:25, Know, Known

- NAU John 17:25 "O righteous Father, although the world has not known Thee, yet I have known Thee; and these have known that Thou didst send Me; 26 and I have made Thy name known to them, and will make it known; that the love wherewith Thou didst love Me may be in them, and I in them."
- NAU 1 Corinthians 8:3 but if anyone loves God, he is known by Him.
- NAU Galatians 4:9 But now that you have come to know God, or rather to be known by God... [an intimate personal relationship]
- NAU Romans 11:2 God has not rejected His people whom He foreknew... [God predetermined His love for them]

John 10:39

He “eluded their grasp”

- NAU John 10:39 Therefore they were seeking again to seize Him, and He eluded their grasp.
- NAU John 7:30 So they were seeking to seize Him; and no man laid his hand on Him, because His hour had not yet come.
- NAU John 8:20 ...no one seized Him, because His hour had not yet come.
- NAU Luke 4:30 But passing through their midst, He went His way.
- NAU John 8:59 ...they picked up stones..., but Jesus hid Himself and went out of the temple.

Deity of Christ, Jesus is God



Jesus never claimed to be God... so why should we believe He is?

Just a few reasons:

NAU John 10:30 "I and the Father are one."

NAU Titus 2:13 looking for the blessed hope and the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Christ Jesus,

NAU Hebrews 1:8 But of the Son He says, "YOUR THRONE, O GOD, IS FOREVER AND EVER, AND THE RIGHTEOUS SCEPTER IS THE SCEPTER OF HIS KINGDOM."

NAU John 8:58 Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was born, I am."

NAU Matthew 14:33 And those who were in the boat worshiped Him, saying, "You are certainly God's Son!"

NAU Acts 20:28 "Be on guard for yourselves and for all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood."

NAU 2 Corinthians 5:21 He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our

1 John 2:2

Matthew 28:9, 17

John 1:1, 14

John 10:30

2 Corinthians 5:21

Luke 24:52

John 10:33

2 Peter 1:1

Matthew 2:11

Titus 2:13

John 8:58

Hebrews 1:8

Acts 20:28

Matthew 14:33

John 20:28

John 9:38

So, in conclusion;

I dream of a
world where
chickens can
cross the road,
and not have
their motives
questioned.



A Contrast of Two Christs

Jesus Christ

- Appears at the *end* of tribulation to *save* Israel (Zech. 12:10; Rev. 19)
- Savior of sinners (Luke 19:10)
- Good Shepherd who brings peace (Zech. 9:10; John 10)
- Despised and rejected by world (Is. 53:3; Luke 23:18)
- His bride will be glorified with Him in heaven (Eph. 5:25-27)

AntiChrist

- Appears at *beginning* of tribulation to *destroy* Israel (Rev. 12:1-6, 13-17)
- Destroyer of saints (Dan. 8:24)
- Evil shepherd who destroys peace (Zech. 11:16; Rev. 6:4)
- Worshiped and loved by the world (Rev. 13:3-4)
- His harlot will be burned with him in hell (Rev. 17:1-6)

THE END

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Mark 3 John 10, Following Him

- Following Him
- J. Dwight Pentecost on September 1, 2011 in DTS Chapel
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Romans 8:30, Justified by Ron Merryman

JUSTIFICATION BY FAITH ALONE & ITS HISTORICAL CHALLENGES

by Ron Merryman

How can a man be just before God?

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Eucharist as a sacrifice?

Sacraments?

Altars, Laity, Clergy?

"Priest" or "Pastor"?

The Reformation (of what?)

No salvation outside the Church?

ECT?

6. Just as a woman cannot be a little bit pregnant, neither can one be a little bit justified! Be thankful. Do not try to improve upon the righteousness that you have in Christ. Rest in it. It is not only absolute; it is permanent.

Footnotes

¹ Pursuant to defining the scriptural use of the word *justified*, I discovered that everywhere the verb form (δικαίωω/ dikaioo) is used in *Romans* and *Galatians*: a) that where God is the subject, the verb invariably is active voice (except Rom. 3:4), meaning God is the One who justifies sinful men, Rom. 3:30; 8:30; Gal. 3:8; and b) that in every case where sinful man is the subject, the verb is passive voice, meaning the subject is acted upon by God. The sinner is justified, that is, declared righteous by God, Rom. 2:13; 3:20; 4:2; 6:7; Gal. 2:16 (3 times); 3:11; 3:24; 5:4. Theologically, both a) and b) are categorical.

² *False brethren* in Galatians 2:4 translates the word πсевδαδελφους/ pseudadelphous, "spurious or pseudo brethren." These were unbelievers

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Question: "What did Jesus mean when He said 'I AM'?"

- **Question:** "What did Jesus mean when He said 'I AM'?"

Answer: Jesus, in response to the Pharisees' question "Who do you think you are?" said "'Your father Abraham rejoiced at the thought of seeing my day; he saw it and was glad.' 'You are not yet fifty years old,' the Jews said to him, 'and you have seen Abraham!' 'I tell you the truth,' Jesus answered, 'before Abraham was born, I am!' At this, they picked up stones to stone him, but Jesus hid himself, slipping away from the temple grounds." The violent response of the Jews to Jesus' "I AM" statement indicates they clearly understood what He was declaring—that He was the eternal, incarnate God. Jesus was equating Himself with the "I AM" title God gave Himself in Exodus 3:14.

If Jesus had merely wanted to say He existed before Abraham's time, He would have said, "Before Abraham, I was." The Greek words translated "was" in the case of Abraham, and "am" in the case of Jesus, are quite different. The words chosen by the Spirit make it clear that Abraham was "brought into being," but Jesus existed eternally (see John 1:1). There is no doubt that the Jews understood what He was saying because they took up stones to kill Him for making Himself equal with God (John 5:18). Such a statement, if not true, was blasphemy and the punishment ascribed by the Mosaic Law was death (Leviticus 24:11-14). But Jesus committed no blasphemy; He was and is God, the second Person of the Godhead, equal to the Father in every way.

Jesus used the same phrase "I AM" in seven declarations about Himself. In all seven, He combines I AM with tremendous metaphors which express His saving relationship toward the world. All appear in the book of John. They are: [I AM the Bread of Life](#) (John 6:35, 1, 48, 51); [I AM the Light of the World](#) (John 8:12); [I AM the Door of the Sheep](#) (John 10:7,9); [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); and [I AM the True Vine](#) (John 15: 1,5).

Recommended Resources: [Jesus: The Greatest Life of All by Charles Swindoll](#) and [Logos Bible Software](#).

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- The Seven "I AM" Statements In John
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• This entry is part 2 of 2 in the series [Summarizing John's Gospel](#)

- A Bible Study by Jack Kelley
- Recently I completely re-vamped a study I had originally written in 2003, entitled "The Seven Miracles In
- In addition to these seven miracles John's gospel contains seven "I am" statements. Their focus is on w
- 1. The Bread Of Life
- *Then Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never go hungry, and he who belie*
- *Jesus had recently fed the 5000. Incredibly some were still asking for a miraculous sign to help them be*
- *of the Messiah. Whoever partakes of Him will never again know spiritual hunger. Like the manna, every*
- *Him is wasted.*
- *As for our thirst, remember how Jesus told the woman at the well that the water He offered would cure*
- *spring of water welling up to eternal life." (John 4:13-14)*
- *And then on the last and greatest day of the Feast of Tabernacles, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, "*
- *39)*
- *The Psalmist wrote, As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, O God. (Psalm 42:*
- *filled.*
- 2. The Light Of The World
- *When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will nev*
- Literally this means that those who join Jesus as one of His followers will not be ignorant of spiritual ma
- the answer.
- Are you feeling down trodden or discouraged? Overcome by the worries of life?
- *Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is ne*
- *my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus. (Phil 4:4-7, 19).*
- Do you carry a burden of guilt because of your sins?
- *If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteou*
- Do you have money problems?
- *Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will*
- *God." (2 Cor. 9:11)*
- Or health problems?
- *Is any one of you sick? He should call the elders of the church to pray over him and anoint him with oil in*
- *prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective. (James 5:14-16).*
- I'll say it again. Whatever the spiritual question, Jesus is the answer.
- 3. The Gate
- *I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. He will come in and go out, and find pasture. (J*
- This is a reference to the Kingdom and recalls the words of **Psalm 23:2**, *"He makes me lie down in green*
- *peace in the midst of plenty. Surely goodness and mercy will follow us all the days of our life, and we w*
- 4. The Good Shepherd
- *"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep." (John 10:11)*
- No one expects sheep to be responsible for themselves. Owners hire shepherds for that purpose. A shep
- would be willing to risk their lives to protect their sheep, but our Shepherd knowingly and willingly died
- 5. The Resurrection And The Life
- Jesus said to her, *"I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies*
- This is an amazing statement. The Lord had already said that whoever believes in Him would not perish
- I would be some would never die, but would pass from this life directly into the next one. If we didn't alre
- the Lord confirmed that the single qualification for eternal life is to believe that His death paid the entir
- 6. The Way, The Truth, And The Life
- *Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me*
- There is no other way into the presence of God than by accepting the Lord's death as payment in full for
- eternal life. This is the truth of God's Word.
- 7. The Vine
- *"I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart*
- It's important to understand that salvation is not a fruit bearing event, so in this statement Jesus was ta
- He sent to guide us (John 14:26) we can bear much fruit.
- If not, our lives will be unfruitful, because without Him we can do nothing of spiritual value. We'll still be
- flames.
- Fruitfulness is not a matter of success or failure from a worldly stand point. It's a matter of motive. Man
- that are prompted by the Holy Spirit and where our only motive is gratitude for all we've been given will
- In summary, let's put each of these seven "I am" statements in capsule form.
- Statement 1 tells us that Jesus is The One who spiritually sustains us.
- In statement 2 we learn that through Him we gain spiritual understanding and wisdom for living.
- Statement 3 explains that He has given us free and unlimited access to His Kingdom.
- Statement 4 shows how He did this by paying our entrance fee with His life
- In statement 5 we learn that whether we die before the rapture or are taken live in it, He has guarantee
- Statement 6 explains that He is the only one who can do this for us, and
- Statement 7 reveals that for the balance of our life on Earth, the things we do in His strength, out of gratitude for what He's done for us, are the only things that matter.
- These are the seven "I am" statements in John. Like the seven miracles we reviewed earlier, they reveal the Gospel. But now the message concerns what comes after salvation. I call it part two of the Lord's message to us. Selah 01-23-10
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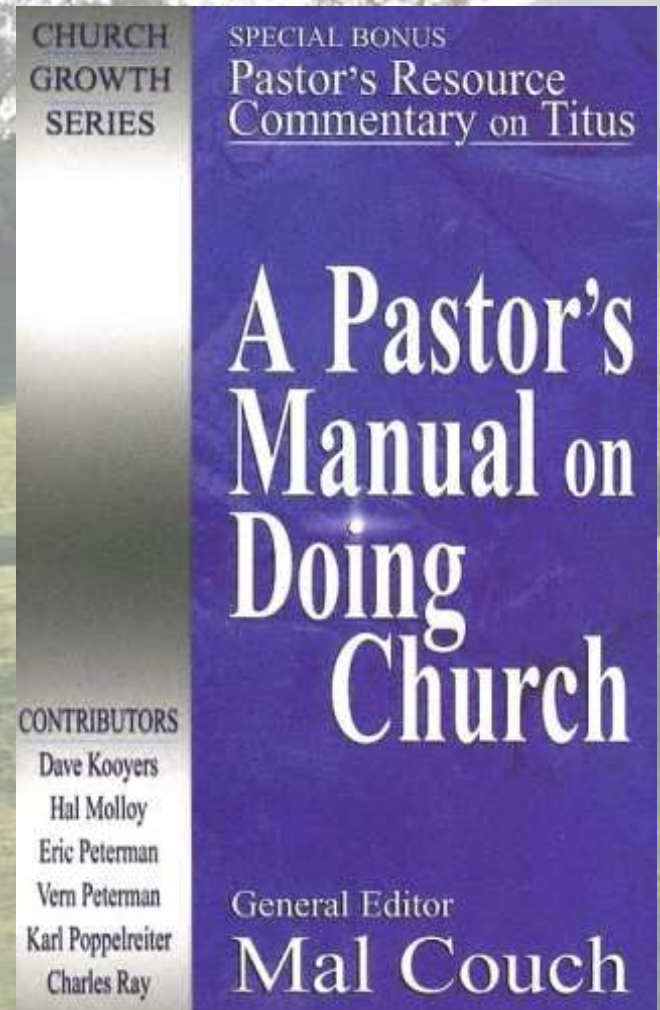
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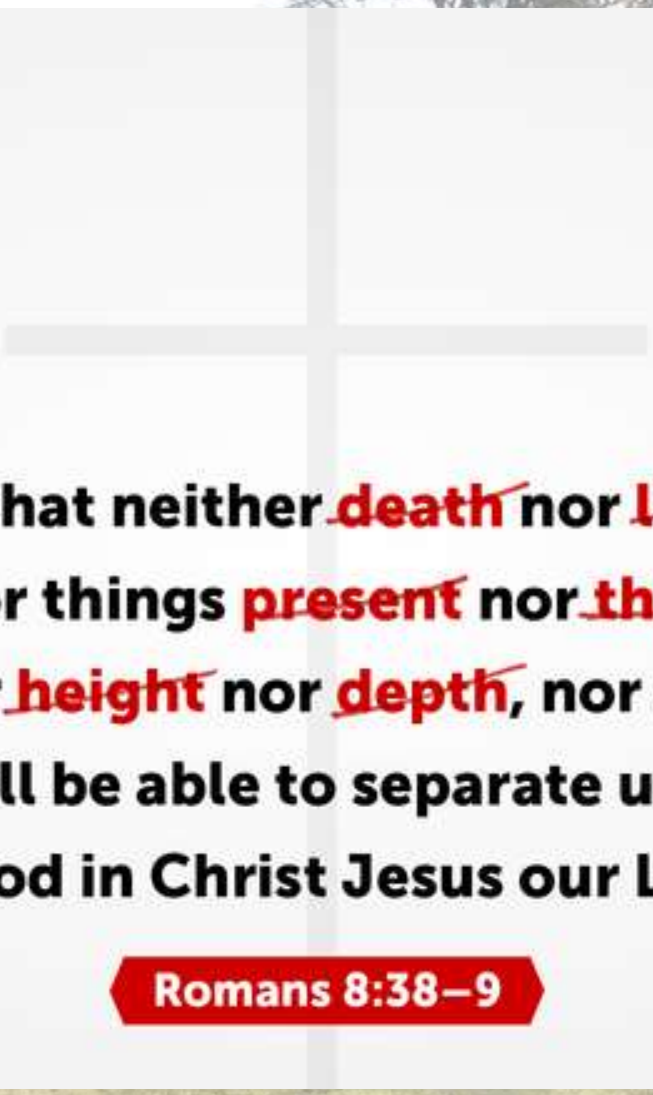
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Matthew 10:8 ...Freely you received, freely give.





For I am sure that neither ~~death~~ nor ~~life~~, nor ~~angels~~
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nor ~~powers~~, nor ~~height~~ nor ~~depth~~, nor anything else in
all ~~creation~~, will be able to separate us from the love
of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8:38–9

Can A Christian Lose Salvation?"

- **Question: "Can a Christian lose salvation?"**

Answer: Before this question is answered, the term "Christian" must be defined. A "Christian" is not a person who has said a prayer, or walked down an aisle, or been raised in a Christian family. While each of these things can be a part of the Christian experience, they are not what "makes" a Christian. A Christian is a person who has, by faith, received and fully trusted in Jesus Christ as the only Savior (John 3:16; Acts 16:31; Ephesians 2:8-9).

So, with this definition in mind, can a Christian lose salvation? Perhaps the best way to answer this crucially important question is to examine what the Bible says occurs at salvation, and to study what losing salvation would therefore entail. Here are a few examples:

A Christian is a new creation. "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!" (2 Corinthians 5:17). This verse speaks of a person becoming an entirely new creature as a result of being "in Christ." For a Christian to lose salvation, the new creation would have to be canceled and reversed.

A Christian is redeemed. "For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your forefathers, but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect" (1 Peter 1:18-19). The word "redeemed" refers to a purchase being made, a price being paid. For a Christian to lose salvation, God Himself would have to revoke His purchase that He paid for with the precious blood of Christ.

A Christian is justified. "Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ" (Romans 5:1). To "justify" means to "declare righteous." All those who receive Jesus as Savior are "declared righteous" by God. For a Christian to lose salvation, God would have to go back on His Word and "un-declare" what He had previously declared.

A Christian is promised eternal life. "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life" (John 3:16). Eternal life is a promise of eternity (forever) in heaven with God. God promises, "Believe and you will have eternal life." For a Christian to lose salvation, eternal life would have to be taken away. If a Christian is promised to live forever, how then can God break this promise by taking away eternal life?

A Christian is guaranteed glorification. "And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified" (Romans 8:30). As we learned in Romans 5:1, justification is declared at the moment of faith. According to Romans 8:30, glorification is guaranteed for all those whom God justifies. Glorification refers to a Christian receiving a perfect resurrection body in heaven. If a Christian can lose salvation, then Romans 8:30 is in error, because God could not guarantee glorification for all those whom He predestines, calls, and justifies.

Many more illustrations of what occurs at salvation could be shared. Even these few make it abundantly clear that a Christian cannot lose salvation. Most, if not all, of what the Bible says happens to us when we receive Jesus Christ as Savior would be invalidated if salvation could be lost. Salvation cannot be reversed. A Christian cannot be un-newly created. Redemption cannot be undone. Eternal life cannot be lost and still be considered eternal. If a Christian can lose salvation, God would have to go back on His Word and change His mind—two things that Scripture tells us God never does.

The most frequent objections to the belief that a Christian cannot lose salvation are 1) What about those who are Christians and continually live an immoral lifestyle? 2) What about those who are Christians but later reject the faith and deny Christ? The problem with these two objections is the phrase "who are Christians." The Bible declares that a true Christian will not live a continually immoral lifestyle (1 John 3:6). The Bible declares that anyone who departs the faith is demonstrating that he never truly was a Christian (1 John 2:19). Therefore, neither objection is valid. Christians do not continually live immoral lifestyles, nor do they reject the faith and deny Christ. Such actions are proof that they were never redeemed.

No, a Christian cannot lose salvation. Nothing can separate a Christian from God's love (Romans 8:38-39). Nothing can remove a Christian from God's hand

John 10:19, Division Because Of Him

- NAU John 7:43 So a division occurred in the crowd because of Him.
- Pope Says the Division Between Evangelicals and Catholics Is A Work of the Devil
- "Division is the work of the 'Father of Lies,' 'the Father of Discord,' who does everything possible to keep us divided," the Pope said in his message to a group sponsored by the John 17 Movement. He said the devil "knows that Christians are disciples of Christ, that they are one, that they are brothers! He doesn't care whether they are Evangelicals, Orthodox, Lutherans or Catholics. They are Christians." Read more. <http://www.catholicerald.co.uk/news/2015/05/25/the-devil-knows-christians-are-one-says-pope-francis/>
- Mike's Comment: The pope has blasphemed the Holy Spirit by attributing the work of Christ to the work of the devil. It is the Lord Jesus who divides believers from unbelievers by the truth of His Word (Luke 12:51-53). Born-again Christians and Catholics will always be divided on the essentials of the Gospel, how one is born again, how one is justified, how one is purified of sin, who can mediate between God and man, and the efficacy, sufficiency and necessity of Jesus Christ for salvation. Pope Francis is the one who is doing the work of the devil by rebuilding the religious tower of Babel as he seeks to unite all Christians under the papacy. Tragically, some evangelicals are jumping on his ecumenical bandwagon by denying the exclusivity of God's Gospel. Read more of Mike's response in an interview with the Christian News Network.

John 7:43, Division [full article, by Mike Gendron of Proclaiming the Gospel Ministries]

‘Pope Francis’ Claims Devil Keeping Evangelicals, Roman Catholics Divided: ‘They Are One’

- ‘Pope Francis’ Claims Devil Keeping Evangelicals, Roman Catholics Divided: ‘They Are One’
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- Francis IIROME — In a recorded video statement released on Saturday, the Roman Catholic Pontiff known as Francis asserted that evangelicals and Catholics are one, and that it is the devil who has divided the two groups.
- “Division is the work of the ‘Father of Lies,’ ‘the Father of Discord,’ who does everything possible to keep us divided,” he said.
- The eight-minute video was for the “Celebration of Christian Unity” event organized by John 17 Ministries out of Pheonix, Ariz., which seeks to unite Christians and Catholics.
- “I feel like saying something that may sound controversial, or even heretical, perhaps,” Francis said, “but I am someone who ‘knows’ that despite our differences we are one.”
- “The devil knows that Christians are disciples of Christ, that they are one, that they are brothers and sisters. He doesn’t care! They are Evangelicals or Orthodox, Lutherans, Catholics or Apostolic ... He doesn’t care! They are one.”
- The pontiff asserted that the devil is persecuting both evangelicals and Roman Catholics alike.
- “It is he who is persecuting us. It is he who is persecuting Christians today, he who is anointing us with (the blood of) martyrdom,” he said. “Dear brothers and sisters, we are living in an ‘ecumenism of blood.’”



John 10:19, Division, Divisions

- NAU 1 Corinthians 1:10 Now I exhort you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all agree and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be made complete in **the same mind and in the same judgment.**
- NAU Jude 1:19 These are the ones who cause divisions, worldly-minded, devoid of the Spirit.
- NAU John 9:16, 10:19 A division occurred again among the Jews because of these words.

John 10:22 Happy Han

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- Last night [December 06, 2015], (Sunday) at sunset Jewish families all over the world celebrated Hanukkah, also known as the Festival of Lights. Hanukkah begins on the 25th day of the Hebrew month of Kislev and lasts eight days. The word Hanukkah means “dedication” and the holiday commemorates the re dedication of the Temple in 165 B.C.. Because of its Biblical and prophetic importance, we thought it would be right to explore the origin and history of Hanukkah.
- Hanukkah (חֲנֻכָּה) (Dedication) is the eight-day festival that begins on the 25th of Kislev. It is the only major Jewish festival that does not originate in the Hebrew Bible. Hanukkah commemorates the victory of Jewish followers over the army of the Syrian ruler, Antiochus Epiphanes. In the fourth century B.C., Greek ruler Alexander the Great conquered much of the known world, including the Near East and Israel. When he died in 323 B.C., leaving no sons to succeed him, a bitter 20-year power struggle between his two leading generals, Ptolemy ruling Egypt and Seleucus controlling Syria, ensued. The Land of Israel, the crossroads of the ancient world, came under Seleucid domination.
- The historical basis of Hanukkah is found in the two Books of the Maccabees. These are part of the 14 books of the Septuagint (Greek translation of the Bible) that Judaism did not include in the Bible. The Catholic Church, however, included them in the Bible. In 168 B.C., King Antiochus Epiphanes attempted to Hellenize (make Greek) his rule. He outlawed the practice of such Jewish rituals as Sabbath observance and circumcision and turned the Temple into a pagan shrine by instituting the worship of Greek gods and the sacrifice of pigs on the altar. Some Jews enthusiastically accepted the Greek customs while others resisted Hellenism and died as martyrs.
- When a Jew in the village of Modi'in prepared to perform the idolatrous act of pig sacrifice, Mattathias, a respected elderly priest (Kohen), became so furious he slew him. With his five sons, Mattathias retreated to the mountains and fought a guerilla war against the Syrian-Greeks and their Jewish allies. After Mattathias's death, the leadership of the band passed to his third son, Judah, who waged a brave and brilliant campaign that eventually led to the defeat of the Seleucids.
- Judah was given the name “Maccabee,” which may have derived from the Hebrew word “makav” (hammer) and therefore have been a testament to his imposing strength. Another explanation is that Maccabee is an acrostic for the first letters of the Hebrew words Mi kamocha ba'elim Adonai (“Who is like You, O Lord, among the mighty”; Exodus 15:11), which is recited daily.



John 10:22, Feast of Dedication

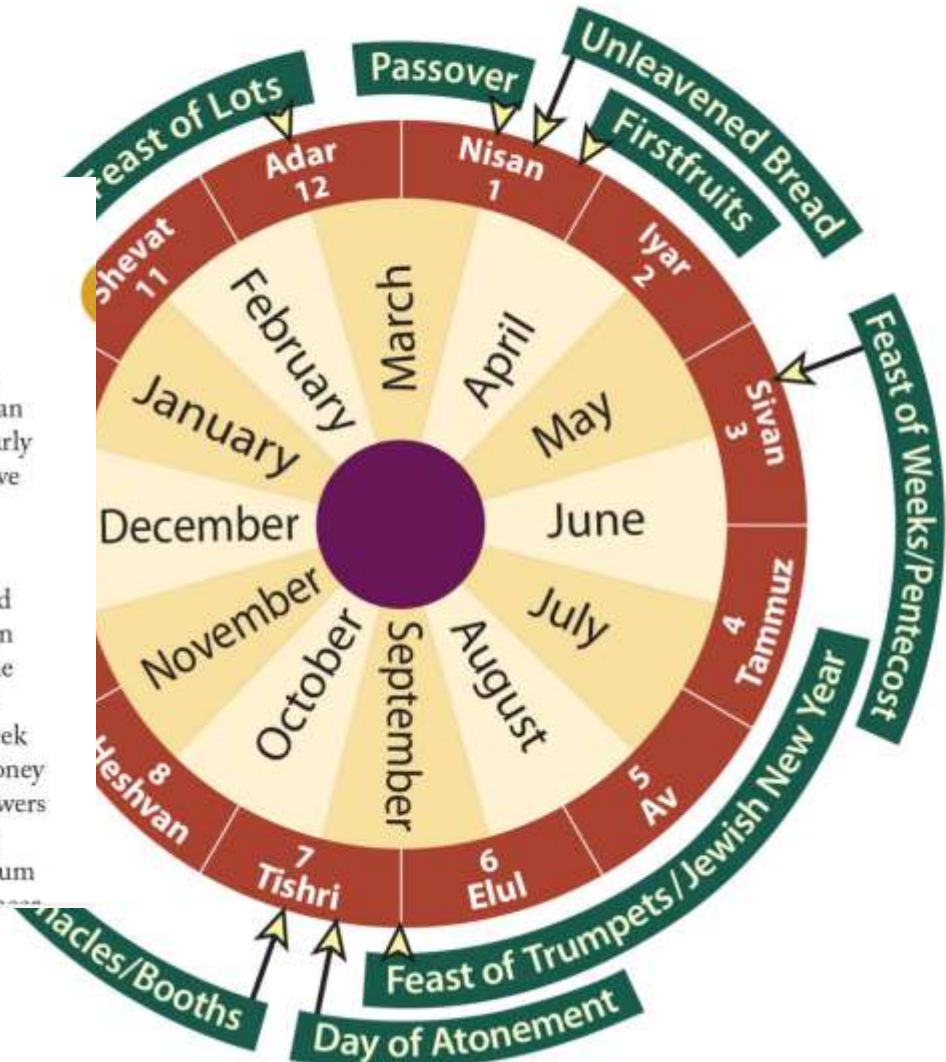
Other Jewish festivals, such as the Feast of Lots (Purim as recorded in the Book of Esther) and the Feast of Dedication (Hanukkah) developed after the time of the first temple.



The Temple and the Maccabean Revolt

The temple built by Zerubbabel stood for 350 years without suffering invasion or desecration from the surrounding nations. However, in the second century BC, Jerusalem came under the control of the Seleucids (an empire founded by Seleucid, one of Alexander the Great's generals). Early in this period, Simon, the son of the high priest Onias II, made extensive repairs to the temple.¹⁰

Initially the Seleucid ruler, Antiochus III, granted the inhabitants of Jerusalem the right to live according to their customs as long as they did not interfere with his foreign policy. However in 175 BC, under the reign of the Antiochus IV Epiphanes (175–164 BC), two Jewish factions—one conservative (strict Jewish culture) and the other Hellenist (pro-Greek culture)—contended for the high priesthood. As a promoter of the Greek culture, Antiochus sided with the Hellenistic party and for a sum of money appointed Jason as high priest in place of Onias III. Jason and his followers tried to transform Jerusalem into a Greek city and incorporate Greek elements into Jewish practice. He went so far as to construct a gymnasium



Feast of Dedication (Hanukkah). As a result, the independent rule of the Maccabean (or Hasmonean) dynasty was established over all Judea. These rulers made renovations to the deteriorating temple structure, and because of the growing threats they added constructions to the temple complex.

The Romans Conquer Jerusalem and Enter the Temple

Following the victory of the Maccabees over the Seleucids, the last of the Maccabean brothers, Simon, was declared to be high priest and leader of the nation. Thus the Hasmoneans (the family name of the Maccabees) became the established high priestly family, and they also assumed the kingship and other royal titles. Under the Hasmonean dynasty, Jewish conquests continued and they conquered both Samaria and Idumea (a region between the Dead Sea and the Gulf of Aqaba).

Power struggles within the dynasty and disputes about the Hasmoneans holding both priestly and kingly offices, led to skirmishes and eventually civil war. Two brothers, Hyrcanus II and Aristobulus II, vied for the position of high priest. Their feud paved the way for the Roman general Pompey to exploit the situation and gain control of Jerusalem. Both brothers appealed to Pompey to support their cause, but in 63 BC Pompey invaded the city and stormed the Temple Mount.¹¹

When Pompey tried to enter the temple, thousands of Jews threw themselves to the ground before the general and begged him not to desecrate the Holy Place. Such a display convinced Pompey that the temple must contain great riches or some hidden secret, so he marched into the Holy Place, tore away the veil of separation and marched into the Holy of Holies. The Roman historian Tacitus (AD 56–117) described what happened next: “By right of conquest he [Pompey] entered their temple. It is a fact

well known, that he found no image, no statue, no symbolical representation of the Deity: the whole presented a naked dome; the sanctuary was unadorned and simple.”¹² According to tradition, when Pompey emerged from the temple he looked around at the Jews and



DANIEL'S PROPHECY

In the book of Daniel, chapters 10–12, the prophet Daniel who lived during the exile in Babylon (sixth century BC) receives a series of revelations regarding the fate of the Jewish people. Some Bible scholars interpret these visions as representing the history from Daniel's time to the destruction of the second temple, with the bulk of the prophecy concerning Antiochus IV Epiphanes. In Daniel 11:21, Antiochus is called a “contemptible person” who “will invade the kingdom when its people feel secure, and he will seize it through intrigue.” The “prince of the covenant” who will be “broken” in Daniel 11:22 is understood to be Onias III the high priest who opposed Antiochus's Hellenization of the Jews and was stripped of his office. (See also Daniel 8:23–25.)

John 10:22, Feast of the Dedication, festival of lights

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- For other uses, see Hanukkah (disambiguation).
- "Hanaka" redirects here. For the village Hanaka, in Iran, see Honeg-e Pain.
- Hanukkah
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- Official name Hebrew: חנוכה or חֲנֻכָּה
- English translation: "Establishing" or "Dedication" (of the Temple in Jerusalem)
- Observed by Jews
- Type Jewish
- Significance The Maccabees successfully rebelled against Antiochus IV Epiphanes. According to the Talmud, a late text, the Temple was purified and the wicks of the menorah miraculously burned for eight days, even though there was only enough sacred oil for one day's lighting.
- Celebrations Lighting candles each night. Singing special songs, such as Ma'oz Tzur. Reciting Hallel prayer. Eating foods fried in oil, such as latkes and sufganiyot, and dairy foods. Playing the dreidel game, and giving Hanukkah gelt
- Begins 25 Kislev
- Ends 2 Tevet or 3 Tevet
- 2014 date Sunset, 16 December to nightfall, 24 December
- 2015 date Sunset, 6 December to nightfall, 14 December
- 2016 date Sunset, 24 December to nightfall, 1 January
- Related to Purim, as a rabbinically decreed holiday.
- Hanukkah (/ˈhɑːnəkə/ hah-nə-kə; Hebrew: חֲנֻכָּהkhanuká, Tiberian: khanuká, usually spelled חנוכה, pronounced [χanuˈka] in Modern Hebrew, [ˈχanukə] or [ˈχanikə] in Yiddish; a transliteration also romanized as Chanukah or

John 10:22-39, Jesus is God

- Today is April 16, 2013, Verse of the Day -- John 10:30 (*Jesus said*) *I and the Father are one.*
- THOUGHT FOR THE DAY, Jesus is God.
- MINI BIBLE STUDY FOR THE DAY
- Toward the end of Jesus' earthly ministry, at the Feast of Dedication in Jerusalem (John 10:22-39), Jewish leaders asked Him point blank, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If You are the Christ, tell us plainly" (v. 24). Jesus, in no uncertain terms, answered that he was more than the Messiah, He was God! To this they "took up stones to stone Him" (v. 31).
- *At that time the Feast of the Dedication took place at Jerusalem; it was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple in the portico of Solomon. The Jews then gathered around Him, and were saying to Him, "How long will You keep us in suspense? If You are the Christ, tell us plainly." Jesus answered them, "I told you, and you do not believe; the works that I do in My Father's name, these testify of Me. But you do not believe because you are not of My sheep. My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me; and I give eternal life to them, and they will never perish; and no one will snatch them out of My hand. My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. I and the Father are one." The Jews picked up stones again to stone Him. Jesus answered them, "I showed you many good works from the Father; for which of them are you stoning Me?" The Jews answered Him, "For a good work we do not stone You, but for blasphemy; and because You, being a man, make Yourself out to be God." Jesus answered them, "Has it not been written in your Law, 'I SAID, YOU ARE GODS'? If he called them gods, to whom the word of God came (and the Scripture cannot be broken), do you say of Him, whom the Father sanctified and sent into the world, 'You are blaspheming,' because I said, 'I am the Son of God'? If I do not do the works of My Father, do not believe Me; but if I do them, though you do not believe Me, believe the works, so that you may know and understand that the Father is in Me, and I in the Father." Therefore they were seeking again to seize Him, and He eluded their grasp. —John 10:22-39*
The Greek word translated "one" in this verse is neuter: "one thing," not "one person." In other words, Jesus did not say that He and the Father are identical, but rather, He and the Father have essential unity together, that He enjoys exact unity of nature and actions with His Father. The Jews clearly understood this and tried to stone Him for blasphemy... . God gave them a spirit of stupor, eyes to see not and ears to hear not, down to this very day. —Romans 11:8

John 10:28-29, The Gospel's Promise is *Not* Conditional Life, by Mike Gendron

- “The apostle John, under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, revealed the glorious promise of the Gospel with these words, “I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life” (1 John 5:13). This verse parallels John's purpose for writing his Gospel: “these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name” (John 20:31). John wrote his Gospel so that people would believe and be saved. He wrote his first epistle so that those who believe would know they are saved.
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- Ignoring these certain and sure promises of God, over half of professing Christians believe they can lose their salvation. They believe eternal life is really conditional life and it is based on what they continue to do instead of what Christ has done. They say they believe in Jesus, but they do not believe what he promises. Jesus said, “I tell you the truth, whoever hears my word and believes Him who sent me has eternal life and will not be condemned, he has crossed over from death to life” (John 5:24). Those who are depending on their own righteousness, performing good works, or adhering to a religious system, can never be assured of salvation. They will never know if they have ever done enough. There is no joy when people put their faith in what they do instead of what God has done in Christ. When salvation depends completely on God, there is no chance for failure. Whenever man is involved in attaining and preserving salvation there can be no assurance, only a false hope.

• True believers have assurance through God the Father. Jesus said: “I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish...My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand” (John 10:28-29). The life Jesus gives is everlasting, not temporal or perishable.

True believers also have assurance through God the Son. Jesus said: “This is the will of the Father who sent Me, that of all He has given Me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up at the last day. And this is the will of Him who sent Me, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in Him may have everlasting life; and I will raise him up at the last day” (John 6:39-40). “Everlasting” and “eternal” are words that describe not only the life believers have in Christ, but also the punishment that awaits those who die without Christ.

Born-again Christians also have assurance through God the Holy Spirit. The Apostle Paul declared: “You also were included in Christ when you heard the word of truth, the Gospel of your salvation; having believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance” (Ephesians 1:13-14). At the very moment anyone understands and believes the Gospel, they are sealed by the Holy Spirit, who guarantees they will be co-heirs with Christ (Romans 8:17).

Assurance is based on God's power and promises (1 Pet. 1:3-5). The gift of eternal life is eternally secure because God's

John 10:28-29, Eternal Security, Overcomers, Book Of Life

- QUESTION FOR THE DAY

- Dear Compass,
- I just read in Revelation 3:5 where Jesus said, "He who overcomes shall thus be clothed in white garments; and I will not erase his name from the book of life . . ." Does this mean if we don't overcome we will go to hell or not get into heaven? Sounds like we can lose our salvation—please clarify.
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ANSWER:

- It cannot mean you can lose your salvation because that would contradict scores of other verses that say you cannot. Always remember, a person who is a Christian today, remains a Christian tomorrow.
- *Truly, truly, I say to you, he who hears My word, and believes Him who sent Me, has eternal life, and does not come into judgment, but has passed out of death into life. —John 5:24* Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; he who comes to Me will not hunger, and he who believes in Me will never thirst. But I said to you that you have seen Me, and yet do not believe. All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will certainly not cast out. —John 6:35-37
- *and I give eternal life to them, and they will never perish; and no one will snatch them out of My hand. My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. —John 10:28-29*
- Revelation 2 and 3 are letters to actual churches/congregations who were meeting around 95 AD in what today is called Western Turkey. The verse you referred to was addressing the church at Sardis. The verse confirms that because they were true Christians, their names would not be erased from the Book of Life. All of God's creation is recorded in the Book of Life.
- *May they be blotted out of the book of life*
And may they not be recorded with the righteous. —Psalm 69:28 Indeed, true companion, I ask you also to help these women who have shared my struggle in the cause of the gospel, together with Clement also and the rest of my fellow workers, whose names are in the book of life. —Philippians 4:3
See also Revelation 21:27
- Jesus promised true believers that they will remain in the Book of Life. If you do not overcome (by the blood of Christ), your name will be removed. *And who is the one who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? —1 John 5:5*

John 10:28-29, Rom 8 1 John5:11-13, Assurance Of Salvation

- **Question:** "How can I have assurance of my salvation?"

Answer: How can you know for sure if you are saved? Consider 1 John5:11-13: "And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life. I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life." Who is it that has the Son? It is those who have believed in Him and accepted Him (John 1:12). If you have Jesus, you have life. Not temporary life, but eternal.

God wants us to have assurance of our salvation. We cannot live our Christian lives wondering and worrying each day whether or not we are truly saved. That is why the Bible makes the plan of salvation so clear. Believe in Jesus Christ and you will be saved (John 3:16; Acts 16:31). Do you believe that Jesus is the Savior, that He died to pay the penalty for your sins (Romans 5:8; 2 Corinthians 5:21)? Are you trusting Him alone for salvation? If your answer is yes, you are saved! Assurance means "having been put beyond all doubt." By taking God's Word to heart, you can "put beyond all doubt" the fact and reality of your eternal salvation.

Jesus Himself affirms this regarding those who have believed in Him: "I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one can snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand" (John 10:28-29). Eternal life is just that—eternal. There is no one, not even yourself, who can take Christ's God-given gift of salvation away from you.

We hide God's Word in our hearts so that we do not sin against Him (Psalm 119:11), and this includes the sin of doubt. Take joy in what God's Word is saying to you, that instead of doubting we can live with confidence! We can have the assurance from Christ's own Word that our salvation will never be in question. Our assurance is based on God's love for us through Jesus Christ.

Recommended Resources: [Logos Bible Software](#) and [The Assurance of Our Salvation: Exploring the Depth of Jesus' Prayer for His Own by D. Martyn Lloyd-Jones](#).

What's new on GotQuestions.org?

John 10:30, No one has seen God

- John 1:18 No one has seen God at any time; the only begotten God who is in the bosom of the Father, He has explained Him.
- Exodus 24:9 Then Moses went up with Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel, ¹⁰ and they saw the God of Israel; and under His feet there appeared to be a pavement of sapphire, as clear as the sky itself. ¹¹ Yet He did not stretch out His hand against the nobles of the sons of Israel; and they saw God, and they ate and drank.
- Exodus 33:20 But He said, "You cannot see My face, for no man can see Me and live!"
- John 10:30 "I and the Father are one."
- John 14:9 Jesus said to him, "Have I been so long with you, and yet you have not come to know Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; how can you say, 'Show us the Father'?"
- 1 John 3:2 Beloved, now we are children of God, and it has not appeared as yet what we will be. We know that when He appears, we will be like Him, because we will see Him just as He is.

John 10:30, The Trinity is Not A Problem, It's A Solution

- Some would say that the Bible presents an irreconcilable dilemma. Both the New and Old Testament declare that there is only one God. Verses like Deuteronomy 6:4-5, Isaiah 43:10, James 2:19, 1 Corinthians 8:4, 6 and 1 Timothy 2:5-6 make it rather clear; the writers of Jewish and Christian scripture proclaimed the existence of a single, solitary God. While this is the consistent message of the Bible, another thorny truth is also proclaimed: the Bible teaches that God the Father, Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit are all God:
- All Three Are the All-Powerful Creator (Omnipotent)
- Father: But now, O LORD, Thou art our Father, We are in Thy hand. (Isaiah 64:8)
- Son: All things came into being by Him (Jesus, the Word who became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth, who came into being. (John 1:3)
- Holy Spirit: "The Spirit of God has made me, And the Lord has anointed me." (Isaiah 61:1)
- All Three Are All-Knowing (Omniscient)
- Father: ...in whatever our heart condemns us; for God is greater than our heart and we know nothing except what God has revealed to us. (1 John 3:20)
- Son: "Now we know that You (Jesus) know all things and need not that anyone should testify of You, for You came from God." (John 16:30)
- Holy Spirit: For to us God revealed them through the Scriptures. (1 Corinthians 2:10)
- All Three Are All-Present (Omnipresent)
- Father: "But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Behold, I have said, I will dwell with them and will be with them and be their God, and I will be their Father, much less this house which I have built!" (1 Kings 8:27)
- Son: "...teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."



The Trinity is Not A Problem, It's A Solution, J. Warner Wallace

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- Century: "...we worship one God in Trinity, and Trinity in Unity; Neither confounding the persons nor dividing the substance. For there is one person of the Father, another of the Son, and another of the Holy Spirit. But the Godhead of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit is all one, the glory equal, the majesty coeternal... And in this Trinity none is afore or after another; none is greater or less than another. But the whole three persons are coeternal, and coequal. So that in all things, as aforesaid, the Unity in Trinity and the Trinity in Unity is to be worshipped. He therefore that will be saved must thus think of the Trinity." ..."
- J. Warner Wallace is a Cold-Case Detective, a Christian Case Maker, and the author of Cold-Case Christianity and God's Crime Scene.



The Trinity is Not A Problem, It's A Solution

All Three Are the All-Powerful Creator

(Omnipotent)

- Father: But now, O LORD, Thou art our Father, We are the clay, and Thou our potter; And all of us are the work of Thy hand. (Isaiah 64:8)
- Son: All things came into being by Him (Jesus, the Word), and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being. (John 1:3)
- Holy Spirit: “The Spirit of God has made me, And the breath of the Almighty gives me life.” (Job 33:4)

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All Three Are All-Present

(Omnipresent)

- Father: “But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Behold, heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain Thee, how much less this house which I have built!” (1 Kings 8:27)
- Son: “...teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” (Matthews 28:20)
- Holy Spirit: Where can I go from Thy Spirit? Or where can I flee from Thy presence? If I ascend to heaven, Thou art there; If I make my bed in Sheol, behold, Thou art there. If I take the wings of the dawn, If I dwell in the remotest part of the sea, Even there Thy hand will lead me, And Thy right hand will lay hold of me. (Psalm 139:7-10)

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All Three Are All-Loving (Omnibenevolent)

- Father: For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life. (John 3:16)
- Son: Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her (Ephesians 5:25)
- Holy Spirit: Now I urge you, brethren, by our Lord Jesus Christ and by the love of the Spirit, to strive together with me in your prayers to God for me... (Romans 15:30-31)

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All Three Are Called "God"

- Father: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. (Philippians 1:2)
- Son: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. (John 1:1)
- Holy Spirit: But Peter said, "Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit, and to keep back some of the price of the land? "While it remained unsold, did it not remain your own? And after it was sold, was it not under your control? Why is it that you have conceived this deed in your heart? You have not lied to men, but to God." (Acts 5:3-4)

John 10:30-31, Karl Poppelreiter commented on a Valley Bible Fellowship Facebook post

- Karl Poppelreiter "Excellent & concise article. A little personal perspective on this. In my congregation is a Messianic Jew, a long-time pastor of a Jewish congregation. He confirmed with me a few years ago the "aleph-ta'av" (or 'êth) as being nearly grammatically insignificant in the Hebrew, but doctrinally highly significant regarding Christ Jesus. The 'êth is in the Hebrew but never pronounced when read, & never translated into the English, because it doesn't make sense in the English. The first letter of the Hebrew alphabet, & the last.
- 'ĕlôhîym is normally translated "gods" in Hebrew, because it is a plural imperative. The "ym" makes it plural. In fact 'ĕlôhîym is used throughout the Old Testament to refer to pagan gods. But the sentence structure is always plural when used for pagan gods. In the dozens of places 'ĕlôhîym is used for the Creator God, like in Gen 1:1, the sentence structure is always singular, which is grammatically incorrect. Like saying, "The cars is on the street." Fingernails on a chalkboard to an English teacher.
- Now I said 'ĕlôhîym is "plural," but more appropriately "ym" means the subject is uncontainable, unfathomable, beyond comprehension. The Hebrew word maym means "waters." A Jew goes to the faucet to get a glass of "waters," not "water." The vastness of "waters," like "'ĕlôhîym," are uncontainable, unfathomable, beyond comprehension. "The Spirit of 'ĕlôhîym hovered over the maym." Both uncontainable, unfathomable, beyond comprehension. Equally as important, "In the beginning, 'ĕlôhîym, the Beginning and the End, created ..."
- The article also references the Shema from Deut 6:4, "Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one ['echâd]." When Jesus spoke, He did so in Aramaic, or in Hebrew. Both are very similar. 'echâd means "one in substance & nature" in both languages. One. So at the Feast of Dedication, in the Temple of the Lord, under Solomon's Colonnade where rabbis taught, when Jesus proclaimed, "I and the Father am one," He said "I and the Father are 'echâd ... one-in-the-same-in substance & nature." THIS is why the Jews picked up rocks to stone Him, because Jesus was publicly claiming co-deity with God, united & inseparable in essence & nature. Obviously heresy in the Jewish mind, since God is 'echâd ... one in substance & nature ... yet uncontainable, unfathomable, beyond comprehension. (Refer John 10:30-31).

John 10:30-33

- Question: "Is Jesus God? Did Jesus ever claim to be God?"
- Answer: The Bible never records Jesus saying the precise words, "I am God." That does not mean, however, that He did not proclaim that He is God. Take for example Jesus' words in John 10:30, "I and the Father are one." We need only to look at the Jews' reaction to His statement to know He was claiming to be God. They tried to stone Him for this very reason: "You, a mere man, claim to be God" (John 10:33). The Jews understood exactly what Jesus was claiming—deity. When Jesus declared, "I and the Father are one," He was saying that He and the Father are of one nature and essence. John 8:58 is another example. Jesus declared, "I tell you the truth ... before Abraham was born, I am!" Jews who heard this statement responded by taking up stones to kill Him for blasphemy, as the Mosaic Law commanded (Leviticus 24:16).
- John reiterates the concept of Jesus' deity: "The Word [Jesus] was God" and "the Word became flesh" (John 1:1, 14). These verses clearly indicate that Jesus is God in the flesh. Acts 20:28 tells us, "Be shepherds of the church of God, which he bought with his own blood." Who bought the church with His own blood? Jesus Christ. And this same verse declares that God purchased His church with His own blood. Therefore, Jesus is God!
- Thomas the disciple declared concerning Jesus, "My Lord and my God" (John 20:28). Jesus does not correct him. Titus 2:13 encourages us to wait for the coming of our God and Savior, Jesus Christ (see also 2 Peter 1:1). In Hebrews 1:8, the Father declares of Jesus, "But about the Son he says, 'Your throne, O God, will last forever and ever, and righteousness will be the scepter of your kingdom.'" The Father refers to Jesus as "O God," indicating that Jesus is indeed God.
- In Revelation, an angel instructed the apostle John to only worship God (Revelation 19:10). Several times in Scripture Jesus receives worship (Matthew 2:11; 14:33; 28:9, 17; Luke 24:52; John 9:38). He never rebukes people for worshiping Him. If Jesus were not God, He would have told people to not worship Him, just as the angel in Revelation did. There are many other passages of Scripture that argue for Jesus' deity.

2 Cor 1:21-22, 2 Cor 5:5, Ephesians 1:13-14, OSAS And 1 Tim. 4:16

- OSAS And 1 Tim. 4:16
- Thursday, February 27th, 2014 [Once Saved Always Saved](#)
- [Salvation](#)
- **Q.** Could you please explain the significance of 1 Tim 4:16, to OSAS? In this verse, it seems Paul is speaking to those in ministry, and it does appear he is saying that they must make certain they keep their own salvation as well as that of those they are teaching by what they are teaching. It would seem from what is being said in previous verses that these leaders are saved, but could be in danger of losing it (salvation) through wrong teaching, as well as their recipients not receiving it. If anyone can give a clear understanding and clarity to this, I believe you can.
- **A.** Here's what **1 Tim. 4:16** says;
- *Watch your life and doctrine closely. Persevere in them, because if you do, you will save both yourself and your hearers.*
- If you were to read this verse in a vacuum, you could make such an assumption. But no statement in the New Testament (especially not one of Paul's) can contradict his promises of eternal security for Church Age believers (**2 Cor. 1:21-22, 2 Cor. 5:5, Ephesians 1:13-14**). These verses make it clear that having already been saved, Timothy could not be in danger of losing his salvation if he didn't adhere to correct teaching.
- Therefore, **1 Tim. 4:16** has to be understood as Paul telling Timothy that if he watched his doctrine carefully the end result would not only be saving himself (already happened) but also those he would be teaching (going to happen). I think Paul was stressing the importance of adhering to correct doctrine in assuring a fruitful career, rather than warning him that the failure to do so could endanger his salvation.
- This is good advice for all pastors and teachers, and goes along with Paul's admonition to present ourselves to God as workmen approved, who do not need to be ashamed of the way we've handled His word (**2 Tim. 2:15**).
- http://gracethrufaith.com/ask-a-bible-teacher/osas-1-tim-416/?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+Gracethrufaith+%28GraceThruFaith%29
- DLK adds that this could be about temporal salvation, our eternal salvation is by grace not by our "life", but leading a Godly life leaves little room for legitimate persecution, and our critics can't get traction, and our good example/witness can lead others to salvation in Christ.

John 10:28, OSAS, Eternal Security, “Heirs are OSAS”

- NAU Romans 4:14 ...heirs, faith is made void ...
- NAU Romans 8:17 and if children, heirs also, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ...
- Christians become children of God/heirs, by grace through faith, however, once we are justified, and a born again Christian, “faith is made void.”
- It is not our faith that keeps us born again.
- NAU Galatians 3:1 You foolish Galatians, who has bewitched you, before whose eyes Jesus Christ was publicly portrayed as crucified? 2 This is the only thing I want to find out from you: did you receive the Spirit by the works of the Law, or by hearing with faith? 3 Are you so foolish? Having begun by the Spirit, are you now being perfected by the flesh?

John 10:28, OSAS, Eternal Security, “Heirs are OSAS”

- Consider a scenario, a man asks a woman to marry him. She says yes. During the engagement he makes commitments, plans, and reservations based on faith that she will marry him. After the wedding, his “faith is made void.” His faith is made complete.
- When we get saved it’s by God’s grace, through faith. We become a child of God, heirs with Christ. Our “faith is made void,” perfected, complete, finished, past tense.
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- It is not our faith that keeps us born again.
- We do walk by faith, but that’s sanctification, not justification.