

What Jesus Believed about His Sheep and Eternal Security! John 10:1-30

Context: Jesus is healing and teaching in Jerusalem and it caused a great disruption. Some believed and followed, some didn't!

Why is it that some see and believe and some do not? John 1:10-13
These Jews were ones who should have believed in him. But they were not convinced – they heard Jesus teach and witnessed him heal a man born blind but were still unwilling to believe. WHY?

They did not get it! Vs. 24 – “How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly.”

Jesus replied, “I did tell you... but you do not believe because you are not my sheep. My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me”. vs 26-27 read: John 8:47

The gospel is simple, it is plainly revealed in Jesus and by Jesus, but the only ones who respond are those Jesus calls His own! The Sheep!

Who are the sheep?

- Vs. 29 – Those who the Father has given to Jesus to save. John 6:37
- Vs. 3-Those who are called by name & respond to the voice of Jesus.
- Vs. 4-5 Those who are not a stranger to Him but come & follow.
- Vs. 14- Those who are known by Jesus and who know him.

Check list of the Sheep: Vs. 26-27

- ___ Do you hear and listen to the voice of Jesus?
- ___ Are you known by Jesus, does He call you His own?
- ___ Where He leads, do you follow?

He's the good Shepherd but is He your shepherd or is He a stranger? Are you a sheep of His pen? If not, are you willing to come and enter through the gate? Vs. 16.

What do the sheep have?

Jesus says “I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one can snatch them out of my hand!” vs 28.

Jesus gives His sheep life that is eternal! We belong to Him forever, and nothing can separate us from Him. *Once a sheep always a sheep!*

The certainty of having this eternal life is often called eternal security!

We can be certain and be secure as eternal sheep of His pen because it is not based on us. It is based on the will of the Father and the obedient work of the Son. Read John 6:37-40

A better way of looking at vs 28-29 is God's preservation of His sheep.

- 1) **God chooses to call us His own and give us as sheep to Jesus.**
- 2) **Jesus gives us eternal life and holds us in His hand eternally.**
- 3) **He does not and will not lose any; we are secure in His hand as well as in the Father's hand.** John 17:1-20

Eternal security is given, guaranteed, and protected by Jesus!

What eternal security does not mean, according to Jesus:

1) **It does not mean that Christians are exempt from all suffering and spiritual danger in this life just because they are eternal sheep.**

Vs. 5 – Strangers will try to come and lead the sheep astray.

Vs. 10 – the thief will come and try to steal, kill, and destroy.

Vs. 12 – It's not if the wolves come, but when they come.

John 15:18-20, 16:33, Matt 10:33

2) **It doesn't mean that the sheep will not wander away for a time.**

Luke 15:4 – Parable of the lost sheep

Luke 15:11-32 - Parable of the lost son - Prodigal son

John 18 - Peter's denial

3) **It doesn't mean that everyone who thinks they are sheep really are.**

Matt 7:21 Not everyone who says to me Lord, Lord will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only he who does the will of the Father.

Matt 10:22 He who stand firm to the end will be saved.

John 14:15 If you love me, you will obey what I command.

What is our only comfort? Heidelberg Catechism Question #1 Where do we place our hope? “In Christ Alone”

Last stanza of “In Christ Alone” - “No power of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from His hand. Till He returns or calls me home, here in the power of Christ I'll stand”!

Conclusion: 1 Peter 5:10 NKJV

God will perfect, establish, strengthen, and settle you... so listen to His voice, let Him lead the way; follow Him, for He gives you eternal life.