THE GOSPEL of JOHN

CHAPTER 10:11-21

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"Saved for Sure"

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John 1:12

But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name:

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INTRODUCTION

to the text

John 10:11-21

The Story Goes Something Like This

In the First World War, a French solider was shot in the arm. So direct and powerful was the shot, that from the point of impact the bone shattered in both directions so that the surgeon had to remove his entire arm. The surgeon was so grieved that this young man had lost his arm in battle that he decided to stay with the young man until he regained conciseness so the news could be told him gently. As the man came to the surgeon said "young man I am sorry to tell you – but you lost your arm in battle" – "No", said the young man "I gave it for France,"

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Therefore Jesus is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him,

The Christians Salvation is Purchased / Provided / Kept / Maintained by The Lord

John 1:12

For as many as received Him, to them He **gave the right** to become children of God, to those who believe in His name:

Acts 13:48

Now when the Gentiles heard this, they were glad and glorified the word of the Lord.

And as many as had been **appointed to eternal life believed**.

Some People Have a Hard Time With This Assurance

From God because they struggle with what He has said

Romans 4:20-21

For Abraham did not waver at the promises of God through unbelief, but was strengthened in faith, giving glory to God, 21 and being fully convinced that what He had promised He was also able to perform.

We Must Be, "Believing"
That God, What He Has Said He Will Do !!!



It's Like Me (just a man) Offering You \$5.00 Dollars...

If I Can Offer You Something and Provide It, Can't God Do Better Than Us?

Saved for Sure!

1.) Saved for Sure By the Power of God

vv. 11

"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep.

a.) Jesus Is LORD

v.11

"I am

The Fourth "I AM" statement of Seven

Our Salvation and Eternal Security is Rooted and Grounded in God our Shepherd

b.) Jesus Exclusively is The One Who Saves Us v.11

"I am the good shepherd.

His Character is "Good"

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Good grk 2570 kalos (kal-os'); intrinsic beauty. Perfect in virtue, totally fair, having no equal

Psalm 34:8
Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good; blessed is the man who trusts in Him!

HE IS GOOD - The GOOD SHEPHERD

"THE" definite article "THE" Here excludes all other shepherds that have come and might ever come.

Good Shepherd

That He Alone is THE GOOD shepherd

All others are not as good as "THE" Good Shepherd

John 3:17

"For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world **through Him** might be saved.

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c.) Jesus Came to Earth Committed to Us

v.11

The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep.

In The Old Testament – A Lamb would have to die for the salvation of the Shepherd

But in the New Testament – It is the Shepherd who dies for the salvation of a Lamb

Match Jesus Against

Those Who are the Founders of the Worlds Cults seek wealth Jesus emptied Himself and Became Poor

2 Corinthians 8:9

For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor...

But those creators of aberrant religions and cults Somehow seem to end up with their followers' cash and houses

Personally -

I Have Very Strong Feelings (That I'll Keep to Myself) Regarding Any Ministry That Goes Outside Itself to Request Money (T.V. and/or Radio Ministries)

Inside a Local Church - Fine !!! - But Not Outside

John 15:13

"Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends.

John 13:1

Knowing that His hour had come that He should depart from this world to the Father, having loved His own who were in the world, He loved them to the end.

2.) Hirelings Produce Insecure Sheep vv. 12-13

"But he who is a hireling and not the shepherd, one who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees; and the wolf catches the sheep and scatters them. 13 "The hireling flees because he is a hireling and does not care about the sheep.

a.) The Hireling Does Not Protect the Flock

v.12

"But he who is a hireling and not the shepherd, one who **does not own** the sheep, sees the wolf coming...

It Was No Hidden Agenda of the Lord's

For those who trafficked with Him knew of His commitment to save

Matthew 9:36

But when He saw the multitudes, **He was moved with compassion** for them, because they were weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd.

b.) The Hireling Leaves the Flock

v.12

... and **leaves** the sheep and flees; and the wolf **catches** the sheep and **scatters** the sheep them.

Many Churches are in Peril Today

Because The Pastors are Paid to Stay, "To Make It Happen"

c.) The Hireling Has Been Hired

v.13

"The hireling flees because he is a hireling and does not care about the sheep.

By Contrast, The Hireling is One

To work for pay, for some personal benefit, to be better off personally

How Much Are You Offering Me For The Position?

What Comes First, The Calling or the Cash?

...does not care about the sheep

The Scribes and Pharisees Had Become Wealthy

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3.) Jesus Knows All His Sheep

vv. 14-16

"I am the good shepherd; and I know My sheep, and am known by My own. 15 "As the Father knows Me, even so I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep. 16 "And other sheep I have which are not of this fold; them also I must bring, and they will hear My voice; and there will be one flock and one shepherd.

a.) He Owns Every Little Lamb

v.14

"I am the good shepherd; and I **know** My sheep, and am **known** by My own.

Matthew 18:11-14

"For the Son of Man has come to save that which was lost. 12 "What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep, and one of them goes astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine and go to the mountains to seek the one that is straying? 13 "And if he should find it, assuredly, I say to you, he rejoices more over that sheep than over the ninety-nine that did not go astray. 14 "Even so it is not the will of your Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish.

b.) His Sheep Have Been Given to Him

v.15

"As the Father knows Me, even so I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep.

What Jesus is Teaching Here is That;
The Will of the Father is exactly in agreement
with the will of the Son

To Be The Atonement of Man's Sins

1 John 2:2

And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world.

Isaiah 53:5-6

But He was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement for our peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed. 6 All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned, every one, to his own way; and the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.

Isaiah 53:11

He shall see **the labor of His soul**, and be satisfied. By His knowledge My righteous Servant shall justify many, for He shall bear their iniquities.

Jesus' Reward for Dying on the Cross was Your Soul and Mine, in Heaven, Forever!

c.) He Has a Worldwide Flock

v.16

"And other sheep I have which are not of this fold; (israel) them also I must bring, and they (gentiles) will hear My voice; and there will be one flock and one shepherd.

Here We Are In The Bible

This is the Revelation of the Great Mystery

That the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, The God of Israel would save the Gentile world too

Jew and Gentile United in Christ

Galatians 3:28

There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

Ephesians 2:11-16

Therefore remember that you, once Gentiles in the flesh-- who are called Uncircumcision by what is called the Circumcision made in the flesh by hands-- 12 that at that time you were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. 13 But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. 14 For He Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation, 15 having abolished in His flesh the enmity, that is, the law of commandments contained in ordinances, so as to create in Himself one new man from the two, thus making peace, 16 and that He might reconcile them both to God in one body through the cross, thereby putting to death the enmity.

The Nation Israel was to be the Greatest Evangelistic Machine in the World.

Isaiah 49:6

...I will also give You Israel as a light to the Gentiles, that You should be My salvation to the ends of the earth."

Isaiah 11:10

"And in that day there shall be a Root of Jesse, who shall stand as a banner to the people; for the Gentiles shall seek Him,

Matthew 12:21 And in His name Gentiles will trust."

Revelation 5:8-9

Now when He had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each having a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. 9 And they sang a new song, saying: "You are worthy to take the scroll, and to open its seals; for You were slain, and have redeemed us to God by Your blood out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation,

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4.) Jesus Controls Life and Death

vv. 17-18

17 "Therefore My Father loves Me, because I lay down My life that I may take it again.

18 "No one takes it from Me, but I lay it down of Myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again.

This command I have received from My Father."

a.) His Death Was Voluntary

v.17

"Therefore My Father loves Me, because I lay down My life that I may take it again.

(the doctrine of the Trinity is in the Resurrection)

In Three Ways the Scriptures Taught

That Jesus Would Rise from the Dead

#1

Romans 6:4

...just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father...

#2

Romans 8:11

But if the **Spirit** of Him who **raised** Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give you life...

#3

John 2:19

Jesus answered and said to them,
"Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up."

A Real Shepherd is Born for The Task

b.) His Death was Vicarious

v.18

"No one takes it from Me, but I lay it down of Myself.
I have power to lay it down,

Vicarious = *Substitutionary*

What it Means & What it Does

c.) His Death Was Victorious

v.18

and I have power to take it again.

This command I have received from My Father."

"to take it again"

RESURRECTION over DEATH

having broken the pains of death, because it was not possible that He should be held by death.

Acts 2:24

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5.) Jesus Separates the Sheep from the Goats vv. 19-21

Therefore there was a division again among the Jews because of these sayings. 20 And many of them said, "He has a demon and is mad. Why do you listen to Him?" 21 Others said, "These are not the words of one who has a demon. Can a demon open the eyes of the blind?"

a.) Division Can Be a Good Thing

v.19

Therefore there was a division again among the Jews because of these sayings.

REACTION TO THE MESSAGE

He Had Said Earlier That He Was The Door

- A Door Implies That There is a Division
- You leave one room to go in to another thru a Door
- You come from the Outside in to the Inside thru a Door

... a mother against her daughter, a father against his son Luke 12

b.) Goats Will Attack Your Position

v.20

And many of them said, "He has a demon and is mad.

Why do you listen to Him?"

They Were Not Ready to Receive What He Had Said (when would they be?)

Why do you listen to a man who lived 2000 years ago?
Why do you read the Bible?
Why are you following Jesus?

Why do you listen to Him?"

When Will You Be Ready?

2 Corinthians 4:3-4

But if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, 4 those who's minds the god of this age, satan, has blinded, those who do not believe, for if they did, the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, Would shine on them.

c.) Sheep Will Recognize Their Shepherd

v.21

Others said, "These are not the words of one who has a demon.

Can a demon open the eyes of the blind?"

This Discourse Began Way Back In ...

John 9:1

Now as Jesus passed by, He saw a man who was blind from birth.

Look at the Evidence

Matthew 11:1-6

Now it came to pass, when Jesus finished commanding His twelve disciples, that He departed from there to teach and to preach in their cities. 2 And when John had heard in prison about the works of Christ, he sent two of his disciples 3 and said to Him, "Are You the Coming One, or do we look for another?" 4 Jesus answered and said to them, "Go and tell John the things which you hear and see: 5 "The blind see and the lame walk; the lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear; the dead are raised up and the poor have the gospel preached to them. 6 "And blessed is he who is not offended because of Me."

THE POINT IS THIS CHRISTIAN

The Apostle Paul Said ...

Romans 10:8-9

But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith which we preach): 9 that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be **saved**.

The Apostle Paul Said Again ...

Romans 8:35-39

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? 36 As it is written: "For Your sake we are killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter." 37 Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. 38 For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, 39 nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Again Paul Said ...

Titus 3:5

It's not by good works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy **He saved us**...

And Again...

Ephesians 2:8-9

For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God. 9 not of works, lest anyone should boast.

The Apostle Peter Said...

Acts 2:21

And it shall come to pass that whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be **saved.**'

Peter Said Again ...

Acts 4:12

"Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

Jesus Said...

John 10:9

"I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture.

Jesus Said Again...

John 17:1-3

Jesus spoke these words, lifted up His eyes to heaven, and said: "Father, the hour has come. Glorify Your Son, that Your Son also may glorify You, 2 "as You have given Him authority over all flesh, that He should give eternal life to as many as You have given Him. 3 "And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.

Jesus Said Again ...

John 10:27-28

"My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. 28 "And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand.

... and all God's people said amen !!!