

# **The Flock of God!**

*Church? Why Belong? Why Bother?*

*“I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me,  
just as the Father knows me and I know the Father;  
and I lay down my life for the sheep.”  
John 10:14–15 ESV*

**Our \_\_\_\_\_ is Strengthen by the Care of Our Good Shepherd!**

## **I. We are \_\_\_\_\_**

*“Know that the Lord, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.”  
Psalm 100:3 ESV*

(Also: 1 Peter 5:1-2)

### **Three Marks of Jesus Flock**

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*“Jesus answered them, “I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father’s name bear witness about me, but you do not believe because you are not among my sheep.”*

*John 10:25–26 ESV*

(Also: John 8:44)

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*“My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me.”*

*John 10:27 ESV*

*“To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.””*

*John 10:3–5 ESV*

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*“I give them eternal life, 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 ESV*

## **The Lord Cares for His Local Churches!**

## **II . The Good Shepherd \_\_\_\_\_ His Sheep**

- He \_\_\_\_\_

*“He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters.”*

*Psalm 23:2 ESV*

*““Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” He said to him, “Feed my lambs.”*

*John 21:15–17 ESV*

*“I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching.”*  
2 Timothy 4:1–2 ESV

*“All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.”*  
2 Timothy 3:16–17 ESV

**- He** \_\_\_\_\_

*“He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name’s sake.”*  
Psalm 23:2–3 ESV

*“He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.”*  
1 Peter 2:24–25 ESV

*“Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood.”*  
Acts 20:28 ESV

**- He** \_\_\_\_\_

*“Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.”*  
Psalm 23:4 ESV

*“I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; and from among your own selves will arise men speaking twisted things, to draw away the disciples after them.”*  
Acts 20:29–30 ESV

*“But false prophets also arose among the people, just as there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Master who bought them, bringing upon themselves swift destruction. And many will follow their sensuality, and because of them the way of truth will be blasphemed.”*  
2 Peter 2:1–2 ESV

*“Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you.”*  
Hebrews 13:17 ESV

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