

## **Jesus Knows His Sheep**

"My sheep hear my voice, and I know them." (John 10:27)

Jesus knows those who are his. What is this knowledge? <u>John 10:3</u> is a close parallel to <u>John 10:27</u>. It says, "The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out."

So, when Jesus says, "I know them," this means at least that he knows them by name; that is, he knows them individually and intimately. They are not anonymous, lost in the flock.

<u>John 10:14–15</u> provides another insight: "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." There is a real similarity between the way Jesus knows his Father in heaven and the way he knows his sheep. Jesus sees himself in the Father, and he sees himself in his disciples. To some degree Jesus recognizes his own character in his disciples. He sees his own brand mark on the sheep. This endears them to him.

He is like a husband waiting for his wife at the airport, watching as each person disembarks from the plane. When she appears, he knows her, he recognizes her features, he sees in her eyes a happy reflection of his own love. He delights in her. She is the only one he embraces.

The apostle Paul puts it like this: "God's firm foundation stands, bearing this seal: 'The Lord knows those who are his'" (2 Timothy 2:19).

It is hard to overemphasize what a tremendous privilege it is to be known personally, intimately, lovingly by the Son of God. It is a precious gift to all his sheep, and it contains within it profound, personal fellowship and affection and the promise of eternal life. (JP).

**Father's day Breakfast!** This Saturday, June 14<sup>th</sup>, we'll be celebrating our fathers! Everybody is welcome. Come and enjoy a gourmet hamburger and all the fixens'. We'll be meeting at the home of Jeff Wood (17530 McAllister Street, Riverside, 92503). It starts at 9:30 a.m...

**Wednesday Bible Study:** Tonight, at 6:30 pm, we will be continuing our study on *Experiencing God: Knowing and Doing the Will of God*.

Sunday's Service: The Secret of Contentment – Part 1 (Philippians 4:10-13): https://youtu.be/iklslwhKNao

This Sunday's Message: The Secret of Contentment – Part 2 (Philippians 4:10-13)

**Great Quote:** When those that see [His glory] delight in it, God is more glorified than if they only see it. His glory is then received by the whole soul, both by the understanding and by the heart. . . . He that testifies [to] his idea of God's glory [doesn't] glorify God so much as he that testifies also [to] his approbation of it and his delight in it. (Jonathon Edwards)

## **Prayer Needs:**

- Please pray for Andrew's health, both physically and spiritually.
- Please continue to pray for the Rivera family in Puerto Rico. Angie Rivera passed away last week.
- PTL! Pastor Galen Greenwalt's heart surgery yesterday was a success, and he is home now.
- Please continue to pray for Lupe's brother, Roger. He has been move to rehab as he recovers.

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Please continue to pray for Mark N. He is at home and doing better each day but still needs complete
healing from the effects of his illness.

If you have any prayer needs (or praise reports), please let me know by email or text: Pastor Mike, 909-229-1888 or <a href="mailto:yea4god@gmail.com">yea4god@gmail.com</a>

Church Mailing Address: 3123 Harrison Street, Riverside, 92503

Church Meeting Place: 2260 Griffin Way, Corona 92879 (At the Ayres Hotel)

Prayer: 9:00 a.m.

Service Time: 10:00 a.m.

For His Glory! Pastor Mike

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Mike Yeamans
Proverbs 3:5-6

"Nothing but God exists for its own sake"

"God magnifies his greatness by making himself the supreme treasure of our hearts, even at great cost to himself (Rom 8:32), and so serving us in the very act of exalting his glory." (John Piper)

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