

Eternally Secure

John 10:1-21

Introduction: God's secure care of his sheep . . .

Door, Shepherd, Flock - John 10:1-21

1. The Door into the Sheepfold - John 10:2-3, 7, 9

Concept: Am I your door to eternal life?

2. The Shepherd who leads sheep in and out of the sheepfold - John 10:3-5, 7-10

Concept: No true member of Jesus' flock will turn away

3. The Flock that the Shepherd lays down his life for

Concept: The flock comes together as followers of the Good Shepherd. Under-shepherds are called by God and are focused on leading, feeding and loving God's Sheep as if God were present.

Introduction: Assurance is Possible! John's "three-legged stool"

First leg - God's saving work in Jesus Christ (1 John 1:1-4; 2:23; 4:15; 5:1-2, 11-12)

Believing - Jesus - Heart & Mind issue - Clarity

Second leg - The fruit of a believer's life - (1 John 1:5-9; 2:9-11; 2:15-17; 3:6-10; 14; 4:7-11)

Loving and manifesting Jesus - Lifestyle issue - Consistency

Third leg - The testimony/inner witness of the Holy Spirit (2:20, 27; 4:13)

Obeying - Jesus - Conscience issue (John 5:19, 30) - God's inner voice

Conclusion:

First, Satan fights - God's Word fights back with truth!

Second, There is a growing list of things that point to Christ in my life and the Holy Spirit is growing that list

Third, a quality of all those who are in Christ is that they endure to the end.