



The Marks of a Christ-Follower

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TODAY'S READING: John 10

What are the distinguishing marks of a follower of Jesus?

First, they hear His voice. Jesus is the Good Shepherd, and He calls after His sheep. The sheep recognizes the sound of their shepherd's voice and runs back to him. If we answer Jesus' call to salvation—repentance. We will hear His voice in scripture.

Secondly, Jesus knows His sheep. He does not just know about them or know the things His sheep will do. He knows them, intimately and personally. Better than they know themselves. You are known by the One who will one day judge the souls of all men, and still loves you.

Thirdly, Jesus' sheep follow Him. The disciple, Andrew, was a follower of John the Baptist. When he saw Jesus he went and found Peter and told him that he saw the One they had been waiting for, so they followed Him. He calls to His sheep, and they leave everything to follow Him. You can only be called a follower of someone if you actually follow them. If you look to Jesus in all things, trying to obey His commands, living a life that pleases Him, then you are one of His sheep.

Jesus promises some things to those who follow Him, and they are things no ordinary man could ever promise someone:

First, eternal life. Not a permanent fleshly existence here on earth, but life without end in all its fullness in heaven. To live a full life requires the ability to completely, and unreservedly live for Christ, without any constraints. But there is a problem, we have sin and practice sin regularly, and we live in a world that does the same. The only place where life really can be lived to its fullness, free from sin, is heaven. And Jesus promises this to us—for eternity.

The second promise is kind of like the first. We will never perish. If we live eternally, we are not going to suffer the eternal consequences of our sin. In the Greek it actually says, "and they will definitely not perish ever." How could Jesus be so bold to make that statement? Because He is the one who grants eternal life.

The third promise is that no one will ever snatch or steal his sheep from His hand. There is no danger that this promise will not come to pass. If we are in Jesus, His sheep are secure in His hand, and His hand is strong enough to prevent them being stolen. If you belong to Christ, you are secure in His hand.

PRAYER: Lord, thank You for Your promises. Thank You that we hear Your voice, and we are secure in Your hand.

TOMORROW'S READING: John 11

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