

Morning Worship

May 6, 2018

Pastor — Allan Lane	Organ --- Alva Lou Schottel	
Worship Leader — Don Beavers	Piano — Marcia Hart	
As you enter for worship, please silence your cell phones.		
(CCLI permit # 424692 covers all copyright song lyrics)		
Welcome and Fellowship	Allan/People	
Hymn # 217	<i>O, How I Love Jesus</i>	Don/People
Worship Prayer	Allan Lane	
Hymn # 14	<i>Praise to the Lord, the Almighty</i>	Don/People
Chorus # 38	<i>All the Glory Belongs to Jesus</i>	Don/People
Offering Prayer	Bill Schottel	
Tithes and Offerings	People	
Offering Music	Marcia Hart	
Hymn # 61	<i>Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us</i>	Don/People
Children's Worship	(Children are dismissed)	
Scripture Reading	John 10:11-18	Allan/People
Message	<i>The Good Shepherd</i>	Allan Lane
Hymn # 311	<i>Let Jesus Come Into Your Heart</i>	Don/People
Prayer Concerns	Allan/People	
Chorus # 38	<i>All the Glory Belongs to Jesus</i>	Don/People

The Good Shepherd

John 10:11-18

Today, we look at the next "I AM" statement found in John 10:11-18. Here Jesus said, "I AM the good shepherd." By this statement, Jesus not only made a great claim about Him, but also gave an example for His disciples to follow. A disciple is someone that not only knows the truth, but follows it no matter the cost. We would do well to remember what Jesus said in John 8:31 and in John 13:35.

What did Jesus mean when He said He was *The Good Shepherd*? What makes Jesus different from all others who claim to be shepherds?

1. His Goodness . (verse 11, 14)

He didn't say, "I am A Shepherd," or "I am A GOOD shepherd," He said, "I am THE GOOD shepherd." The definite article declares there's none other like Him.

All of us like to claim that we are "good", but are we really good? Some might say:

- I've been good spouse-yet they have cheated on their mate.
- I am a good worker-yet they come to work late, leave early and fudge on their time sheet.
- I am good Christian-yet the evidence is sufficient to indict and convict them of hypocrisy.

The Bible says in Psalm 53, that there is none that are good, no not one." The Bible says in Matthew 19:17 that only God is good. So how can Jesus call Himself good? Because He IS good-He's God. And only God is able to demonstrate true goodness (Psalm 34:8).

2. His Commitment . (verse 11)

Jesus was committed to one thing – fulfilling His Father's will. It's the greatest proof of His commitment / willingness to lay down His life for you and me.

Some might be willing to give their life in substitution for one they love. But how many would sacrifice all they have to save one who is evil, ungrateful and disobedient? Remember what Philippians 2:6-8 says about Jesus. He gave up all He had in heaven to come and save us. And by His sacrifice, open the doors of heaven to all.

Only God could be committed to such a cause. Only God would be able to do that. And that is what He did. He laid down His life for you and me that we might not perish in Hell for all eternity.

3. His Courage . (verses 12-13)

Many are willing to do some dumb and dangerous things for the almighty dollar. An athlete is one example. Whenever their sport is in season, players risk their health, and sometimes their life (football and soccer) for the opportunity to cash in on some money. Many jeopardize their health, family and future, for something that can not be taken to eternity.

How many would be willing to suffer a painful, agonizing death for an ungrateful stranger? If we were totally honest, we would have to say none. Yet Jesus was not only willing, He did it. He died in our place because He is concerned for those who are lost.

Many of Jesus disciples said they would be willing to die for Him. But immediately after his arrest, how many did? None of them did. They all ran for cover. They denied Jesus. They abandoned His call to them. They returned to what was comfortable, even though not eternally profitable.

So Jesus went to war against our enemy (Satan and death) all by Himself. When He had defeated them, He returned for those who gave up on Him. After all, He promised He will never leave us nor forsake us (Hebrews 13:5).

4. His Knowledge . (verse 14)

We all are so foolish. We think we get away with anything. We have become very good at playing the church and religion game. We say we love Jesus, but yet hate those Jesus loves. We say we follow Jesus, but we go places Jesus would never go. We display piety to attract attention, but only attract a swarm of flies. We might fool people, but we do not fool God. He knows us.

Jesus is with us whenever, wherever, and forever. When we are His, we need to stop our foolishness and phoniness. We must become transparent and allow God a chance to change us and mold us to His likeness.

He says that not only does He know us, but we also know Him. What do you know about Jesus? You can ask my wife almost anything about me and I think she can give a pretty accurate answer. Why? It's because she's made it her life to know me.

But what do we know about Jesus? John pegged it in his epistle (1 John 1:1-10). Today you can know this and embrace this by asking Jesus to forgive you and come into your life and save you.

5. His Devotion . (verses 16a)

He is devoted to openness and oneness. Jesus does not believe in clicks. He doesn't care how you dress or how you look, or what language you speak.

This could be one of the greatest sins of humanity-especially in the church. Oh, how we like our groups. Yet, Jesus opened heaven to all. He loves all.

I've been thinking and praying a lot lately about our church growing. If it were to grow, what would that look like to you? Would the new people we reach be just like us? Or would they look different? How different? Would they be already church members who haven't been coming? Would they be your family that is lost or unchurched? Would they have emotional and spiritual baggage? Would they need patience and God-like love to help them become disciples of Jesus Christ? What would they look like? Perhaps we need to start praying about that.

Listen to the latter part of verse 16. In Christ's church there is to be openness. We must make our environment inclusive. Anyone can come and hear and follow. We are not to cause anyone to stumble. In Christ's church there is to be oneness. We must strive to have unity, not division. We must work at building one another, not down. One God, One Savior, One Holy Spirit-offered for all.

6. His Authority . (verse 17)

In Matthew 28:18, Jesus, "that all authority had been given to Him in Heaven and on earth." And then He passed that authority and power to us. Too many Christians live their lives unaware of the power and authority we have received by Jesus. We stumble around in weakness, while He stands ready to empower us in our life. Today that power can get a hold of you and change you.

Conclusion

So what are we to do with knowing Jesus as the Good Shepherd? What do you need to do to be like Jesus? What do you need to do to become a true disciple?

1. While we will never be good, we can with God's help do good (Ephesians 2:10).
2. We'll never equal the commitment of Jesus, but we can commit ourselves to Him and He will work mightily in us (Psalm 37:5-6).
3. We may lack courage in the midst of adversity, but if you allow Jesus to come into your life, there is nothing He can do through you (Philippians 4:13).
4. We'll never attain the wisdom of Jesus, but if we embrace Jesus, we will receive all the knowledge and wisdom necessary (Colossians 2:3).
5. We may not possess the devotion to unity as Jesus, but when we begin to truly love, we will be given the desire (Colossians 3:14).
6. We are not kings, or emperors to have authority or power over people, but we've been empower from up high by Christ with power and authority to take back the souls heading to hell (Matthew 28:19-20).

It's Jesus' Initiative! Will You Follow?

Receiving God's Anointing

Last week's article focused on our denomination and whether or not we are dying. Our future is not based on the success of the corporate church but on the discipleship of the individual believer. How does a believer become revived and dedicated to doing the will of God? When Jesus went in and cleansed the Temple in Matthew 21, He gives us some personal steps to the Holy Spirit's anointing:

Step 1: Purification (21:12) The first step to anointing will always be to clean out the temple. When we allow sin into our life, we are foreigners to God. Cleansing brings us back in a right relationship.

Ephesians 2:19-22 tells us when sin rules in our hearts we are foreigners to God. If you've ever been to a foreign country and didn't know the language, you know how difficult that can be. Not only is there a language barrier, but there's a concepts barrier as well as a values difference. Even the atmosphere is different.

Sin makes us "as foreigners" to God. Sin is not comfortable in a spiritual atmosphere. Sin makes the Bible "as a foreign language" where the words can be read but not understood. Sin causes apprehension in the mind when God's love and power are demonstrated through the Holy Spirit.

We need to cleanse the temple, that is, our mind, will and emotions. God's anointing faithfully works through a clean heart. The gifts of the spirit operate efficiently through a forgiven saint who washes the halls of their life often.

Wouldn't it be great if we could clean our house one time and never have to cleanse it again? Yet the Bible teaches that we are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit. We are being molded, constructed, changed and modified into a temple of the living God. All remodeling work requires clean up.

The purification process only began with John 3:16. It was the starting point of a lifelong remodeling project. The path to God's anointing power starts with an attitude of continued cleansing of the temple.

Step 2: Prayer (21:13) There is no way we can ever over emphasize the importance of prayer. We do not have the ability to understand all that life brings our way. We need to pray about everything.

Some Scriptures that emphasize the importance of prayer are 1 Samuel 12:23, Jeremiah 33:2-3, Isaiah 55:6, and Matthew 7:7-9.

Step 3: Power (21:14) I've always liked the term authority more than power. Power seems to have human connotations to it to me. Jesus healed, that is, the authority of God was manifested. And all saw that there was victory.

Mediocrity has invaded the lives of today's Christians and the sad thing is we accept being mediocre as normal. We have continually accepted the lowest amount of God's power needed to maintain what we have already received from God. All the while true Biblical Christianity is crying out to be part of the contemporary church in America.

Step 4: Praise (21:15) God's power is released through a praying, cleansed temple then people begin to give praise to the Lord. Praise brings God to our aid. Praise releases a victorious friend against our enemies. Praise brings us closer to God presence. Praise given by our lips delights the heart of God.

God Bless You!

Bro. Allan

Opportunities For Service

Living out Your Spiritual Commitment . . . and Fulfilling Christ's Divine Plan

Sunday, May 6, 2018

Choir Rehearsal..... 9:00 am

Sunday School 9:15 am

Morning Worship.....10:30 am

Nursery: Volunteers as needed

Ushers: Larry McKahan, Bill Schottel, Ken Kirkpatrick,? ? ? ?

Alternate: Ken Nice

Monday, May 7

Food Kitchen.....5:30 pm

Wednesday, May 9

Prayer Warriors..... 10:00 am

Prayer / Bible Study6:30 pm

Worship Team 7:30 pm

Sunday, May 13, 2018

Happy Mother's Day!

Sunday School.....9:15 am
Morning Worship.....10:30 am
Nursery: Volunteers as needed
Ushers: ? ? ? ?, Ken Nice, Don Sharp, Fred Kerns
Alternate: ? ? ? ?

No Evening Services.....

Wednesday, May 16

Prayer / Bible Study.... 6:30 pm
Worship Team 7:30 pm

Up-Coming Events.....

May 7 — Food Kitchen

May 9 — Prayer Warriors

May 13 — Mother's Day

May 20 — Business Meeting and Carry-In Dinner

— Collect for the Longs

May 27 — Diversicare

May 28 — Memorial Day

GROW Team

Commit to **GROW!** **Everyone make a contact!** Invite someone to Bible Study and Worship this week. ☺

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Sunday Nights

We will have Sunday night services tonight at 6:30 pm. We will begin a study entitled: *A Case for Faith* with Lee Strobel. Don't miss it!

Wednesday Night Prayer and Bible Study

Come pray for the direction of our church. Please plan to attend and pray at 6:30 pm and enjoy a time of fellowship and Bible Study.

Congratulations to our Graduates!

Britney Griswold is graduating from Central High School on Sunday May 20, 2018. Jessica Kirkpatrick graduates from Benton High School.

Congratulations Graduates!

Mother's Day is May 13

Food Kitchen

We will serve Monday, May 7, at 5:30 pm. Please feel free to join us as we show the love of Christ and minister to those in need.

Prayer Warriors

Wednesday, May 9
at 10:00 am

Business Meeting and Carry-In Dinner

We will have our regular business meeting and carry in meal immediately following the morning worship service May 20.

Mark Your Calendars Now!

- ♦ June 11-15
Youth Camp
- ♦ July 16-20
Children's Camp
- ♦ August 18
Men's Conference
Frederick Boulevard
Baptist Church

For the Record

Attendance: April 28, 2018

Sunday School.....	32
Visitors.....	0
Total.....	32
Contacts Made.....	0
Morning Worship.....	50
Children's Worship.....	N/A
Wednesday Night	N/A

Financial Record:

Weekly Budget	\$ 2,286.39
Offering Received ...	\$ 1,715.60
Long Family - April...	\$ 110.00

Offering Received by Mail:

George Ferbert

May Counting Team:

Bill Schottel and John Lewis

May Van Driver:

George Burgess

Remember to call 232-3747
before 8 am if you need a
ride.

May Member Birthdays:

03... Vicki Long
11... Hannah Schottel
12... Rev. A. B. Brown
17... Arlette Duty
20... Pam Eldredge
20... Erin Molloy
20... Mike Green

May Anniversaries

Russ and Nancy McCamy
May 22, 1982

Prayer Requests ...

Mike Green—infection in knee
Larry McKahan—inflection
Sharri Duty—surgery recovery
Swymeler's Grandsons—kidney issues
Jessica Kirkpatrick and baby Levi
Donna and Bill Dunn—health
Joyce Cook—health
Jack and Flo Conard
Peggy & Gary Fewins—Peggy's health
Arlette Duty—strength
Gina Harr—strength
Don Beavers—heart and health
Curtis Conard—recovery
Emily Jones & baby Liam
Cynthia Burdick—cancer recovery
Karissa and Matt Long and family
The Waters Family—guidance
Stephanie & Jason Terpack
Shawna Hughes—recovery
Larry Danner—cancer
Rosella Davis—Flo Conard's sister
Mary Sharp's brother-in-law Jim
Bill Clinton—Don and Mae's son
Lisa Bowers—Jack and Flo's daughter

LoLeta Middleton—strength
Elvera's daughter & daughter-in-law
Zella Davis —Doris Richardson's sister
Rev. A. B. Brown Betty Campbell
George Ferbert Kevin Duty
Ellen Blanton Lois Ulmer
Jim Winans Nellie Reynolds
Madeline Swink Ann Riddle
Kathryn Beavers Keon McKahan
Jozy Winans Kenny Duty
Pat Means Buddy Means
Bill & Juanita Debbie Sands
Pat Puckett Judy Anderson
Brenda Burgess Roscoe Lane
Carolyn Houts Tim Izer
Nickolay Nazaruk, Peski 2 Church
David and Deborah Grace
Our Nation and Leaders
Our Military Service people
Today's Prayer Requests ...

Our Nation and our Leaders ...

Five More New Families...
