

4th Sunday of Easter Time - Year C

- Every now and then we have a Sunday when THE reading is the Psalm – today’s that day
We tend to overlook the Psalm as one of our Sunday readings
But Psalm 100 has a message that is tucked away in all three readings
“We are His people, the sheep of His flock”
Amen? Amen!
- In the 1st reading from Acts - Paul and Barnabas preach in Antioch
First to the Jews – sheep of God’s flock
Crowds come to hear the message

“When the Jews saw the crowds, they were filled with jealousy”
(One of the seven deadly sins) *Devil pulls out the big guns – (corruption of heart)*
Devil is no slouch, He lost on Calvary, He doesn’t want to loose in Antioch

Paul & Barnie → OK, now we’ll go to the Gentiles
“For the Lord commanded us ‘I have made you a light to the Gentiles’ ” *WHY?*
“THAT YOU MAY BE AN INSTRUMENT OF SALVATION TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH” → To the ends of the Earth!
From Antioch to Andros From Antioch to AUTECH!
The message of salvation has gone forth AND STILL DOES *WHY?*
“We are His people, the sheep of His flock”
Whether the wolf may come with teeth and claw
Or with temptation and sin – like jealousy
BUT “We are His people, the sheep of His flock”
And the shepherd is with us
- In the 2nd reading from REV “A great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, race, people and tongue (*can you say GENTILES*) (*WE are the Gentiles people!*)
- And they come before the throne, washed in the blood of the lamb worshipping day and night”
WHY? **“We are His people, the sheep of His flock”**
- Jesus says it straight out in the Gospel
 - My sheep hear my voice, I know them, and they follow me
WHY? **“We are His people, the sheep of His flock”**

We don’t believe JC *was* the Good Shepherd

We believe JC *IS* the Good Shepherd

Everything in V28 is in the present tense

I give them eternal life

It is a continual action

My Sheep Hear

I Know Them

They Follow Me

I Give Them Eternal Life – continually, without end

Because, like PS 100 says

“We are His people, the sheep of His flock”