**CHAPTER 10**

*Christ is the door and the good shepherd. He and his Father are one.*

**1** Amen, amen I say to you: He that entereth not by the door into the sheepfold, but climbeth up another way, the same is a thief and a robber.

**2** But he that entereth in by the door is the shepherd of the sheep.

**3** To him the porter openeth; and the sheep hear his voice: and he calleth his own sheep by name, and leadeth them out.

**4** And when he hath let out his own sheep, he goeth before them: and the sheep follow him, because they know his voice.

**5** But a stranger they follow not, but fly from him, because they know not the voice of strangers.

**6** This proverb Jesus spoke to them. But they understood not what he spoke to them.

**7** Jesus therefore said to them again: Amen, amen I say to you, I am the door of the sheep.

**8** All others, as many as have come, are thieves and robbers: and the sheep heard them not.

**9** I am the door. By me, if any man enter in, he shall be saved: and he shall go in, and go out, and shall find pastures.

**10** The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I am come that they may have life, and may have it more abundantly.

**11** I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd giveth his life for his sheep.

**12** But the hireling, and he that is not the shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, seeth the wolf coming, and leaveth the sheep, and flieth: and the wolf catcheth, and scattereth the sheep:

**13** And the hireling flieth, because he is a hireling: and he hath no care for the sheep.

**14** I am the good shepherd; and I know mine, and mine know me.

**15** As the Father knoweth me, and I know the Father: and I lay down my life for my sheep.

**16** And other sheep I have, that are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice, and there shall be one fold and one shepherd.

**17** Therefore doth the Father love me: because I lay down my life, that I may take it again.

**18** No man taketh it away from me: but I lay it down of myself, and I have power to lay it down: and I have power to take it up again. This commandment have I received of my Father.

**19** A dissension rose again among the Jews for these words.

**20** And many of them said: He hath a devil, and is mad: why hear you him?

**21** Others said: These are not the words of one that hath a devil: Can a devil open the eyes of the blind?

**22** And it was the feast of the dedication at Jerusalem: and it was winter.

**23** And Jesus walked in the temple, in Solomon’s porch.

**24** The Jews therefore came round about him, and said to him: How long dost thou hold our souls in suspense? If thou be the Christ, tell us plainly.

**25** Jesus answered them: I speak to you, and you believe not: the works that I do in the name of my Father, they give testimony of me.

**26** But you do not believe, because you are not of my sheep.

**27** My sheep hear my voice: and I know them, and they follow me.

**28** And I give them life everlasting; and they shall not perish for ever, and no man shall pluck them out of my hand.

**29** That which my Father hath given me, is greater than all: and no one can snatch them out of the hand of my Father.

**30** I and the Father are one.

**31** The Jews then took up stones to stone him.

**32** Jesus answered them: Many good works I have shewed you from my Father; for which of those works do you stone me?

**33** The Jews answered him: For a good work we stone thee not, but for blasphemy; and because that thou, being a man, makest thyself God.

**34** Jesus answered them: Is it not written in your law: I said you are gods?

**35** If he called them gods, to whom the word of God was spoken, and the scripture cannot be broken;

**36** Do you say of him whom the Father hath sanctified and sent into the world: Thou blasphemest, because I said, I am the Son of God?

**37** If I do not the works of my Father, believe me not.

**38** But if I do, though you will not believe me, believe the works: that you may know and believe that the Father is in me, and I in the Father.

**39** They sought therefore to take him; and he escaped out of their hands.

**40** And he went again beyond the Jordan, into that place where John was baptizing first; and there he abode.

**41** And many resorted to him, and they said: John indeed did no sign.

**42** But all things whatsoever John said of this man, were true. And many believed in him.