

Fellowship Baptist Church, October 30, 2016, AM
Message: "The Sheep/Shepherd Relationship" –John 10:27

INTRODUCTION:

- A. The time the of "Feast of Dedication (Could be in late November or late December); also known as the festival of lights and Hanukah.
- B. It's origin: The rededication of the temple following its desecration by Antiochus Epiphanes, who had an altar built to Zeus and sacrificed a pig on it.
- C. The lights were placed in a window not to give light to the inside but to let people on outside see the light within.
- D. In John's Gospel, this is the last public offer of salvation to the Jews—v. 24-25.
- E. It is faith in Jesus that places us in the sheepfold—v. 26.

I. We belong to Jesus— "My Sheep..." v. 27 (v. 4).

- A. We are His because He created us—Ps. 100:3; 95:7
- B. We are His because He redeemed us—Deut. 24:18; Ps. 71:22-23; Gal 3:13; I Peter 1:18-19; Rev. 5:9-10

II. Jesus knows us— "I Know them" (v. 27, 3, 14)

- A. Jesus knows us by name—10:3; II Tim. 2:19
- B. Our name is written down in the Lamb's book of life--Phil. 4:3; Rev. 3:5;
- C. We will receive a new name in heaven—Rev. 2:17
- D. We know Jesus and He knows us—Gal. 4:9; I John 5:18-20

III. We follow Jesus— "they follow me" (v. 4-5)

- A. We listen to the voice of the Shepherd—I John 4:5-6; II Peter 3:2
 - 1. God's people will not follow a stranger.
 - 2. God's people have the Holy Spirit to lead them.
 - 3. God's people have a sense of direction.
- B. We follow Jesus wherever He leads.
 - 1. We will walk in His light—John 8:12
 - 2. We will go where He sends us.
- C. Those who follow Jesus will be honored by God—John 12:26

CONCLUSION: Jesus desires a close relationship with His people. We belong to Him; He knows us by name; and we follow Him.