

## A Lamb' s Witness

“And I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it.

And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof” , Revelation 21:22-23.

Jesus, came to earth as the sacrificial Lamb of God, and was resurrected as the Shepherd of God' s sheep.

Jesus, during His walk on this earth as the sacrificial Lamb of God, called a further twelve potential sacrificial lambs. One, Judas Iscariot, was a lamb in sheep' s clothing. John, so far as history tells us, died a natural death whilst being held a prisoner on the Isle of Patmos. The remaining ten died as sacrificial lambs as they proclaimed the Love of God for man in foreign countries.

The lambs are gathered by the shepherds. They are brought into the sheepfold - the Church.

The lambs are led by the shepherd, and fed by those who have qualified to become sheep. They continue to grow as they are led by the more senior sheep.

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Some of the sheep will have lambs of their own. Other sheep in the sheepfold will become foster-parents. But all should be looking for 'lost lambs' , to bring them into the fold, and teach them according to the Words of the chief Shepherd, “Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world” , Matthew 28:20.

The Apostle Peter wrote, “And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away” , 1 Peter 5:4.

Let us, for a minute, go back to the earlier paragraph above, ‘The lambs are gathered by the shepherds. They are brought into the sheepfold - the Church.

The lambs are led by the older sheep, and encouraged to receive their nutrition from the shepherd. Their spiritual growth is encouraged by

the more senior sheep.

They get to the stage where they sacrifice their ego and self. At that point they start seeking to know the desires of the Shepherd. Their final stage is when God calls them to become shepherds with their own flock and lambs.

Many of the 'sheepfold' s' (the Church) today have not got a neon sign hanging out side displaying the statement 'No Vacancies' . Instead many of the signs - unused bays in the parking lot - are declaring the statement 'Vacancy' .

We run a small home group, and have certainly had our share of lambs who grew into sheep looking for a social fellowship, where the desired nourishment was little more than a bun and a cup of coffee. Others have left their load of ego and/or self outside the door, and then left to pick up their load before God could clear it away! Their largest problem in life is the question, "What I can get, and then go" .

The true lambs of God display a public witness of,

1. A public baptism, "And Jesus answering said unto him, Suffer it to be so now: for thus it becometh us to fulfil all righteousness. Then he suffered him" , Matthew 3:15.  
The righteousness Jesus was referring was the righteousness of the Law as given to Moses, "So they shall wash their hands and their feet, that they die not: and it shall be a statute forever to them, even to him and to his seed throughout their generations" , Exodus 30:21.
2. That we have a love for each other, A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another" , John 13:34.
3. That we keep His Commandments, "If ye love me, keep my commandments" , John 14:15.

Thus, at the end of life' s road, the Lambs have ceased their public witnessing, and commenced the eternal season of praise.