

Are You One of God's Real Sheep

"I and my Father are one", John 10:30.

Just six words, and we have a powerful sentence. If we add a further two words, "Follow me", which take us back to where Adam was in his relationship with God before he sinned,

The question that now arises is, "Do you know your shepherd's Voice?"

The Lord demonstrates the seriousness of that question in His Sermon on the Mount, "Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.

Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works?

And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity", Matthew 7:21-23.

How important are we as sheep that wander off everywhere to God?

How important are we that God was prepared to sacrifice His Son to get us back?

The pricelessness of God's Sheep is manifested in the following Scriptures.

"And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth", Genesis 1:26.

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

The same was in the beginning with God.

All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was

made.

In him was life; and the life was the light of men.

And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father), full of grace and truth", John 1:1-4 and 14.

Man - the sheep - was made by God from the dust of the earth. The Shepherd was an inner part of God that God sent forth from Himself.

Thus, God's sheep are priceless, for God could give no greater than a part of Himself to redeem them to Himself.

As the title asked, 'Are You One of God's Real Sheep?'

Jesus, at the beginning said, "I and my Father are one"

Jesus, in His great intercessory prayer just before His Crucifixion, made a request to His Father, "That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me", John 17:21.

Paul, writing to the Church at Corinth, asks of the people there, "What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?

For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's", I Corinthians 6:19-20.

Not only was your credit card of sin wiped to a zero balance, three gifts were attached to it to help you grow,

1. "Ye call me Master and Lord: and ye say well; for so I am", John 13:13,
2. "Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth: but I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known unto you", John 15:15.
3. "Jesus saith unto her, Touch me not; for I am not yet ascended to my

Father: but go to my brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto my Father, and your Father; and to my God, and your God”, John 20:17.

To close, lambs know of the Shepherd. As they grow, the lambs become sheep who know the Shepherd, and are known by the Shepherd as a part of his flock.

Number three above is the seal of approval, for the TRUE CHRISTIAN knows his Saviour, and the Saviour knows His sheep.

The Lord knows who He died for. That is a relationship foundation.