

# The Gospel Herald

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“As the truth is in Jesus” (Ephesians 4:21)

For The LORD’S PILGRIMS, STRANGERS & SOJOURNERS

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*“My sheep hear my voice, and I know them,  
and they follow me.”*

*John 10:27*

*Isn’t it interesting regarding the statement by our Lord Jesus Christ to those to whom He was addressing “MY SHEEP.” Some might say are not all of the human race God’s children or his sheep? If this were true there would never have been a description of a people designated as “Tares,” “Goats,” and those called “reprobates.”*

*There are TWO types of categories of people which make up the human race of mankind. The Bible calls those which are the elect heirs of grace “Wheat,” “Sheep,” and “Children of God,” just to name a few.*

*Nowhere in the scriptures will one find where a “Goat” was ever transformed into a “Sheep,” or a “Tare” transformed into “Wheat,” or a “Reprobate” made a child of God. For these categories of human creatures have been predetermined before the foundation of the world (Eph. 1:4-5).*

*I recall the analogy that I had heard many years ago by a dear brother in Christ. He said, “if I were in a large gathering of people with my son and we got separated among the masses, I would diligently begin to search for him with panic, I would call out his name, “BOBBY!” Now there may be many “Bobbys” among the crowd of people, yet the man’s son would ONLY recognize and respond to his father’s voice, because the young lad knows the voice of HIS father! Another could call out “Bobby,” but the son would know not the voice of another, but only the voice of his natural father.*

*So it is with God’s children, they only respond and know the voice of their spiritual Father because they have been born of His Spirit to know the voice of their heavenly Father when He calls them unto himself. Jesus said, “But ye believe not, because ye are not of my sheep, as I said unto you “ (John 10:26).*

*The religions of the world teach that man can choose and accept the salvation of God in their time and upon their means and methods, yet God has made it very clear that salvation is totally and absolutely by free and sovereign grace apart from any work or effort of the human creature ! “For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that (grace and faith) not of yourselves: it is the gift of God” (Eph. 2:8). And ALL those who are the ordained, appointed, chosen, decreed, elect and called heirs of divine grace shall know the voice of the Son of God! And when HE calls, they COME! Beloved, grace is effective, it brings about an effect that the creature is helpless to refute its powerful operation.*

*When we see in the record of scripture our Lord Jesus calling his disciples, he went about calling them out by name and they followed Him! He did not say, “Matthew, would you mind ceasing your activity as tax collector and please come and go with me.” Christ did not say to Peter as he labored repairing his nets, “Excuse me Peter, would you mind leaving those nets for a season and come go with me, I need your assistance?” Folks, this is what the message is being brought from 99% of the pulpits of meeting houses today: A gospel of opportunity. And gospel of decisionism, a gospel based upon the acceptance of the creature.*

*I can assure you by our God, which cannot lie, that when He calls His elect they come!! They are effectually called and can do no less than follow the Good Shepherds voice. I don't believe nor serve a weak and helpless God!! I have been caused to approach unto HIM who has loved me with an everlasting love. “For blessed is the man whom thou chooseth and causeth to approach unto thee” (Psa. 65:4). If we are not caused to approach unto God, we are not going! Man, by nature, is so steeped in depravity and spiritual death that he is spiritually deaf and blind to the point that they cannot hear nor see the kingdom of God and neither can they know anything about its supernatural concept apart from the divine miracle of quickening grace and being born of His SPIRIT!*

*Beloved, be of good cheer, for ALL that the Father has given Christ out of the masses of mankind shall be blessed to hear the voice of the Son of God when He calls, and they shall follow Him! Because Jesus promised they would, and that's enough for me. For what He has promised, He shall also perform and accomplish in fulfilling ALL that the Father had sent him to do. “For His name shall be called Jesus, for He SHALL (not try to) save his people from their sins” (Matt. 1:21).*

*Dear ones, we have an Almighty God, unlimited, and absolute in all His determined purposes, and what man shall stay His hand? Nor has the right to say unto Him “why doest thou this”? For our God has declared the end from the beginning, and He SHALL fulfill ALL His purpose, for His own good pleasure that He alone would receive honor, praise and glory from his elect church here in this time world.*

*Respectfully submitted,  
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