

Sheepfold

In Jn 10:24, the Jews summoned our Master Yahshua in the temple courts. They wanted to know how long are you going to keep us in suspense, why don't you tell us plainly? You can see from His response (Jn 10:24-28) that salvation is not a complicated thing of the head but a simple love affair of the heart. Those whom the Father draws come to the Son (Jn 6:44).

Jn 10:14-18 is a needed illustration of who He is. And He projected that into the future into this very day, that He would have one flock who would have one Shepherd — our Master Yahshua, and those who hear His voice will come, and those who don't, won't.

Jn 6:44 — No one can come unless the Father draws them. We were drawn and now here we are being taught by Yahshua. We belong to Him. We are sheep of His. The first church started out as a sheepfold but now it's a zoo. All kinds of mixed and unclean animals and all kinds of things started coming in over the wall. Only sheep come in through the gate. Now He is restoring the sheepfold. Only His sheep hear His voice. Are you [the guests] being drawn? No one can come unless He is drawn by the Father. That is the very power of God working in people's lives to draw them to our Master Yahshua. He is the one who spent three days and three nights in the center of the earth so that we do not have to go to there. If I'm obeying my Master here, I cannot get to the center of the earth from here. If I am loving my brothers and sisters, I know that I cannot get to death from here. If we have trusted our lives to the Son of God and we have leaned our entire personality on Him and if we want to continue to have fellowship with Him, we continue to lay our entire personality on Him day after day after day — many bodies, one sacrifice. That is who we are — the Body of Messiah. Who here is a sheep? How do you know? You heard His voice and you came — and you keep coming when you hear His voice.

And how do we know we passed out of death into life. What is the evidence? What is the conclusive proof? Our love for one another — one for another. Death has no hold on us because we love the brothers. Jn 5:24 is explained in 1 Jn 3:14 and 16. John explained his own gospel in the epistle. The gospels are explained in the epistles. If you are not doing 1 Jn 3:23 on a daily basis — believe and obey and love as he commanded, how do you know you have passed out of death? What if you died today; unless you have the confidence of knowing that you love your brothers and lay your life down for them, how would you know where you would go spend eternity? 1 John was written to those who believe in the Son of God so they might know that they have eternal life. You are either condemned or elated with joy from reading it. If you have eternal life it agrees with you and you agree with it. Read it sometime. That is how we know. There are two billion people today who call themselves *Christians* who claim to have passed out of death and into life, but are they laying their lives down in the body of Messiah?

Manoah — This is not a zoo, but a sheepfold. Full of needy people. You can live in your apartment, close the door and have your things. But our Master is not there. He is with His flock, caring for His sheep. It is the call of the King of Kings. He calls and the sheep come into the protection of peace. It is good news. You know what you are going to do tomorrow: get up and give your body to build up His kingdom. That is what we were created for — not to build up this world. This world is all going to pass away; it will all be destroyed — every fleeting pleasure. But He wants to give us food that lasts forever. Eternal life. Our Master is a good Shepherd. He gives His sheep good things.

[Lev Amatz said he wanted to repent. He said he really loves our Master but he let another spirit control him.] Whoever loves Him keeps His commandments. Don't say you love Him if you don't want to obey Him. The only way you can love Him is to obey Him. Jn 14:15,21. You have to be determined to obey Him. Satan rebels. Satan is the one who makes us rebel. You have to resist that spirit with all your heart. It is rebellion against God in heaven, against the brotherhood, against the Body of Messiah. It is not a sin that merely cut him off from his brothers, but he cut himself off from the Body of Messiah. He excommunicated himself.

[It was judged that we would wait a week until first day to restore him.]