

Sunday Reflections

"THE VOICE"

On this Good Shepherd Sunday, The Lord Jesus, our Good Shepherd, tells us in our Gospel passage that His sheep hear His voice and follow Him. And because the sheep hear Jesus' voice, and not their own or someone else's, He will give them eternal life. The Apostles in the early Church knew this. The Jews, who should have known better, rejected the truth and the life that Jesus offered them through the Apostles' preaching. And so, Paul and Barnabas brought the message of Jesus as Savior to the Gentiles, non Jews, who accepted the good news enthusiastically and wholeheartedly. Eternal life was offered to them and they grasped it joyfully.

And so it is in our day. Jesus still calls to us each day, and we have the choice to hear and accept what He tells us, or we can listen to other voices---our own or maybe even those who please us or "tickle our fancy". Jesus wants to give us eternal life. Perhaps we should make every effort to listen to His voice. Life is in the balance.

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