

**SUBJECT:** Topical Sermons.

**TITLE:** I Am Resolved.

**PROPOSITION:** To look at things we ought to resolve ourselves to do.

**OBJECTIVE:** So we can start out the New Year right.

**INTRODUCTION:**

1. Read the text.

2. Regarding the text.

(1) The word "resolve" means "determined."

A. Paul said he was determined not to know anything among them but Jesus Christ and him crucified.

B. Paul said he was making a resolution not to teach anything other than Jesus Christ and him crucified.

(2) We are beginning a New Year and it is the time of year that people start making resolutions for the year to come.

A. Most of these resolutions are forgotten by January 2nd and aren't thought about anymore.

B. We need to be serious about the resolutions that we make and make sure that they are realistic and that they are resolutions that can do actual good for our spiritual lives.

(3) Let us look at some New Year's resolutions.

3. Reference To S.T.P.O.

**DISCUSSION: I AM RESOLVED--**

I. NO LONGER TO LINGER CHARMED BY THE WORLD'S DELIGHTS.

1. This world has many delights to charm us and lead us astray.

(1) Sin is pleasurable, for a season (Heb. 11:24,25).

(2) However, the end of sin is death (Prov. 16:25).

2. Things that are higher, and nobler have allured my sight.

(1) These higher and nobler things are heavenly things (Heb. 11:16).

(2) We are to place our treasures in heaven (Mt. 6:19-21).

II. TO GO TO THE SAVIOR LEAVING MY SIN AND STRIFE.

1. We should have no desire to live in sin.

(1) Sin separates us from God (Isa. 59:1,2).

(2) We should not serve sin (Rom. 6:6).

2. He is the true and just one, and he has the words of life.

(1) Christ is true and just (1 Jno. 2:8; Acts 3:14).

(2) He has the words of life (Jno. 6:68).

III. TO FOLLOW THE SAVIOR FAITHFUL AND TRUE EACH DAY.

1. It should be our goal in life to follow Jesus each day of our lives.

(1) We are to fear God and keep his commandments (Eccl. 12:13).

(2) We are to be faithful and true every day (1 Cor. 4:2).

2. Heed what he says, do what he wills he is the living way.

- (1) What Jesus says is what is in the Bible (Jno. 12:48; 2 Tim. 3:16, 17).
- (2) He is the living way (Jno. 14:6).

**CONCLUSION:**

SUMMARY: I am resolved--

1. No longer to linger, charmed by the world's delights, things that are higher, things that are nobler these have allured my sight.
2. To go to the savior leaving my sin and strife, he is the true one, he is the just one, he hath the words of life.
3. To follow the savior faithful and true each day. Heed what he sayeth, do what he willeth, he is the living way.

APPEAL: I will hasten to him, hasten so glad and free, Jesus greatest highest I will come to thee.

Preached at Belle, MO on January 4, 2009, Morning service.

**SUBJECT:** Jesus Christ.

**TITLE:** Jesus The Good Shepherd.

**PROPOSITION:** To look at Jesus as the good shepherd.

**OBJECTIVE:** To see what this means to us.

**INTRODUCTION:**

1. Read the text.

2. Regarding the text.

(1) One of the first memories that we have of the things we were taught as children concerning Jesus Christ is that he is the good shepherd.

A. It shows that Jesus is with us wherever we go (Mt. 28:19-20).

B. It shows that Jesus provides for us (Mt. 6:33).

(2) Knowledge of that which is good is essential to our living the Christian life.

A. If we learn all that we can learn about Christ, we will get as close to him as we can.

B. We need to learn all that is needed to learn about him.

(3) Let us learn about Christ as the good shepherd.

3. Reference to S.T.P.O.

**DISCUSSION: JESUS IS THE GOOD SHEPHERD BECAUSE—**

**I. HE GAVE HIS LIFE FOR HIS SHEEP.**

1. This characteristic is paramount to us because we are his sheep.

(1) The good shepherd will jeopardize his own life to protect his sheep (1 Sam. 17:34-36).

(2) The hireling does not love the sheep so he will not die to protect them (Jno. 10:12,13).

(3) Because we belong to Christ we can be assured that he loves us this much (Jno. 3:16).

2. The good shepherd came to live with man and to die for him.

(1) He lived as man therefore he knows what man's needs and weaknesses are (Heb. 4:15).

(2) He died for man so man's sins could be forgiven (Heb. 9:22).

(3) He was delivered for us and raised for our justification (Rom. 4:25).

3. We should follow him because he is the only one who will live and die for us.

**II. HE CARES FOR HIS SHEEP.**

1. We are to cast our cares upon him because he cares for us (1 Pet. 5:7).

(1) He gives material blessings to all (Mt. 5:44-48).

(2) However, only those who are in Christ have spiritual blessings (Eph. 1:3).

2. He will not allow us to be tempted above what we are able to bear (1 Cor. 10:13).

(1) Satan is constantly trying to get us to denounce Christ (1 Pet. 5:8).

(2) We can rest assured that if we will just look for the way of escape and follow it we can resist temptation (Heb. 6:18).

3. He gives us the peace of God which passes all understanding (Phil. 4:7).

III. HE KNOWS HIS SHEEP.

1. He knows his sheep so well he knows their names (Jno. 10:3).
2. He knows his sheep so well he knows what is in them (Jno. 2:25).
3. He knows his sheep so well he knows their needs (Mt. 6:32).

**CONCLUSION:**

SUMMARY: We have seen that Jesus is the good shepherd because—

1. He gave his life for us.
2. He cares for us.
3. He knows us.

APPEAL: Therefore we should follow him and him alone.

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