

“I and the Father Are One”

Intro: In opening our Bibles to the second half of John 10, we are taken from the events of the last few chapters which in general belong to the Feast of Tabernacles, to an incident that took place at the Feast of the _____. It is easy to see why John makes this leap in time for though a few months stood between Feasts, the theme remains: _____ is the _____ Shepherd.

This morning we will read as the Lord is again confronted by the ruling religious authorities and, we will hear then as He answers them. We are greatly benefitted by the dialogue between the Jewish authorities and our Lord Jesus for in it we who believe will learn of our _____, our Loving Shepherd.

I. Jesus was _____ during the Feast of Dedication.

A. Since Jesus was in the portico of Solomon the Jewish _____ gathered around Him. Let us take in the scene: Jesus was not out in the open or out amongst the people, but in a somewhat confined space where the Jews literally _____ Him, encompassing Him.

B. The Jews _____ that Jesus tell them plainly (or to publically announce) that He is the Christ, the _____.

1. Jesus told the Jews that He had _____ them and showed them that He Himself is the Christ. He also told them plainly that the reason they did not hear Him nor see His works was because of their own _____.

a. In so many words Jesus also said to them, “You do not believe in Me because you do _____ to Me!”

II. In continuing to address the Jewish authorities, Jesus began to speak to them about His sheep making two points clear: 1) that _____ were _____ His sheep, and 2) that _____ the Messiah who blesses His sheep. In truth, Jesus is showing them 1) that they were lost, and 2) that it is _____ to have Him (whom they rejected) as their _____!

A. Because _____ His sheep, having loved them to the point of giving His life in exchange for them, His sheep hear His voice, and loving Him in return, _____ Him.

1. The leaders who _____ Jesus proved that they did not belong to Him because they would _____ Him, nor follow Him.

B. _____ eternal _____ to His sheep!

1. It is _____ for the sheep whom He gives everlasting life _____!

2. His sheep will not perish because His sheep are _____!

C. The _____ has _____ (sheep) as gifts to His only begotten Son.

1. Beloved, as gifts given His Son, we are also in the Mighty Hand of _____ the Father who is greater than all; that is, who is the _____!

III. In concluding His answer to the Jews' question, _____ announced Himself to be one with the Father, as it were, announcing plainly that He _____

A. A.W. Pink writes that the statement, "I and the Father are one' affirms Their unity of nature or essence, _____ every Divine _____." And Dr. John Brown wrote, "Harmony of will and design, is not the thing spoken of here; but harmony or union of power and operation. ... What the _____, that the Son is. What the work of the Father is, that the work of the Son is. As the Father is almighty, so is the _____."

B. That the opposition did not misunderstand His statement is made plain by the following verse. Verse 31 says, "The Jews took up stones again to _____ Him." They understood that He claimed to be God for they took up stones again to stone _____ for committing, as they would falsely charge, blasphemy.

C. The plain conclusion is this: if Jesus is God with us on earth, _____ then the _____. There! Their question was answered, they heard it and they didn't like it!

Conclusion: We who are His sheep are given Him from the Father and thus, we are kept ever securely _____ God _____: Father, Son and Holy Spirit, in all their eternal strength and glory! What will separate us from the love of God? No one nor thing will snatch us from His hand!

Jesus said, John 6:39-40, "And this is the will of Him who sent Me, that of all that He has given Me I lose nothing, but raise it up on the last day. "For this is the will of My Father, that everyone who beholds the Son and _____ in Him, may _____ eternal _____; and I Myself will raise him up on the last day." Oh how good and comforting it is to know that we are His sheep!

Do you know that you are His sheep? Do you _____?
What more can He say, than He has said to you? What more can He do, than for you He has done? You have both heard His Word and read of His miraculous works. Now believe! And, if you will believe upon the Lord Jesus Christ, then as one who belongs to Him. _____ you everlasting _____!

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