

## “I Am The Good Shepherd”

John 10:11-18

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One of my favorite stories concerns Thomas Carlyle, who built a soundproof chamber in his home in Chelsea in London about a century ago. He wanted to shut out all the noises of the street so that he could work in uninterrupted silence. It worked, except for one piercing sound which penetrated through the vaulted walls. His neighbor had a rooster that was given to vigorous expression several times at night and once at dawn. Carlyle would sit, pen in hand, distracted from thought and expression, waiting for that disturbing sound. Finally, he protested to the owner of the rooster, and was assured that it crowed only three times at night and once at dawn. “But,” said Carlyle, “if you only knew all the worry I suffer waiting for that rooster to crow!”

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### I) Christ Will Always Be With Us: (vs. 11-13)

A) This means we are of infinite value to Christ. (vs. 11-13)

B) Worry is a form of loneliness.

C) The reliable word of Jesus that assures us of His presence means everything.

### II) Christ Will Always Love Us: (vs. 14-18)

A) Christ teaches here that His relationship with us is like the relationship He enjoys with The Father.

B) Christ’s love for us is unfailing and unending. (vs. 16)  
*“Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?”* Romans 8:35

C) The Lord sees us with trifocal lenses.

### III) Christ Will Always Keep Us: (vs. 27-29)

A) The pronoun here is possessive which denotes an unbreakable relationship.

B) This is good news for those who worry about not going to heaven.