

("The Good Shepherd", c. 1907, compliments of The Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh, Kansas)

John 10: 11

I am the Good Shepherd. The Good Shepherd lays down His life for the sheep.

## THE GOOD SHEPHERD

"The Good Shepherd," the Lord did magnanimously declare

"The Good Shepherd gives His life for His sheep," His statement of love so rare

God demonstrated at Calvary, the deepest desires of His heart

Placing man under His benevolent care, offering a brand new start

Christ Himself absorbed the penalty, bearing the inequity for all

At the incredible price of His own life, in answer to His Father's call

"I am the Good Shepherd, I know my sheep, and they for sure know me"

"Where ever I go, they will follow and from themselves be set free."

His sheep are given a distinctive mark and are sealed to Him forever

That of the cross, the claim of Christ, one that nothing can possibly sever

As an object of my Father's affection, He chose to create me

Thus, it's abundantly clear I belong to Him and with Him shall always be.

With the Lord as my Shepherd, I shall always flourish no matter what life may bring

This thought alone offers deep contentment; a sobering and glorious thing

Then, like David, with great exaltation, I can joyously exclaim

"The Lord, He is my Shepherd," a fact I will proudly proclaim.