



*"And now I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified." (Acts 20:32)*

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**WE HAVE SEEN HIS GLORY**  
**The Glory of the Shepherd/Mediator**

Text: [John 10:7-10 \(ESV\)](#)

Exposition

Through this parable ([John 10:1-6](#)) Jesus communicated to these Pharisees that this blind man was also spiritually blind, and Jesus implied that He called him by name, and he recognized my voice – the voice of the true Shepherd. But on the contrary this same man heard their voice; the voice of Thieves and Robbers and he did not follow them.

The Door.

But a door is also a means of passage. It is something that you must pass through to get from one side to the other. A door is a means; it's a middle person. To be more specific, a door is a mediator. Jesus is a shepherd and a door at the same time. He's the one who leads His sheep and He leads them through Himself. ([John 14:6](#)). He's the Door to the Father.

- When you get the Father, you get salvation.
- When you get the Father, you get a wise caring provision.
- When you get the Father, you get abundant life.

[1 Timothy 2:5; Acts 4:12; Matthew 7:13-14](#)

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Abundant Life.

Jesus says that abundant life is God. It's not about getting stuff, it's about getting God.

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## Christ, The Mediator

- It is because of the great Mediator that we can stand before God clothed in the righteousness of Christ Himself. ([2 Corinthians 5:21](#)).
- It is because of the great Mediator that our sin was exchanged for His righteousness ([2 Corinthians 5:21](#)).
- It is because of the great Mediator that “those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance” ([Hebrews 9:15](#)).
- It is because of the ongoing work of this great Mediator that we have an Advocate with the Father ([1 John 2:1](#)). Every moment of the day Jesus represents those who have placed their trust in Him before God’s throne of grace. He *mediates* for us, much as a defense attorney mediates for his client, telling the judge, “Your honor, my client’s debt is paid in full.”
- It is because of the great Mediator that we can say, “If God is for us, who can be against us?”<sup>1</sup>
- It is because of the great Mediator that we can assert, “Who shall bring any charge against God’s elect? It is God who justifies.”<sup>2</sup>
- It is because of the great Mediator that we rest in the truth, “Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us.”<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> [The Holy Bible: English Standard Version](#). (2016). (Ro 8:31). Wheaton, IL: Crossway Bibles.

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