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The Names of Love - Part 38 - The Good Shepherd - Poimen Kalos

John 10:11, "I AM the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down His life for the sheep."

This name of Jesus literally means "The Good Shepherd" and "The Sacrificial Lamb"

Behold the Lamb of God that takes away the sins of the world.

The reason that Jesus was the "Good" Shepherd is because He was the only Shepherd without sin and the only Shepherd worthy to become the sacrifice for us. We cannot be "good" in and of ourselves. We have all sinned. There is none righteous, no not one. But Jesus came as our sacrifice for sin because He was the only one Who was sinless, perfect, spotless and worthy. John 10:14-15, "I AM the good shepherd; I know My sheep and My sheep know Me- just as the Father knows Me and I know the Father—and I lay down My life for the sheep."

That is the job and responsibility of the shepherd. His first priority is to protect and provide for his sheep. And that is exactly what Jesus has done for us. He protects us from the evil one and evil people, and He provided for us salvation, sanctification and edification. He will continue to watch over His sheep because that is Who He is.

John 10:12-13, "The hired hand is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it. The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep."

Jesus cares for you. He wants to be your Shepherd. He will not force Himself upon you, but He stands with arms open wide, calling the sinner to come home. He wants you to be with Him forever. Will you choose to let Him in? Read the words to this old Hymn:

The Savior is waiting to enter your heart,
Why don't you let Him come in?
There's nothing in this world to keep you apart,
What is your answer to Him?

If you'll take one step toward the Savior, my friend,
You'll find His arms open wide,
Receive Him and all of your darkness will end,
Within your heart He'll abide.

Time after time He has waited before,
And now He is waiting again,
To see if you're willing to open the door,
Oh, how he wants to come in. – Copied

Dear Good Shepherd, You have shown us Your great love by providing for us Your salvation. You will protect us from the evil one. And You give us of Your Spirit to walk along side of us each day. Thank You Jesus! In Jesus Name, Amen