



Now shepherds in the ancient world carried special Good Shepherd's carriages and tools. His word knows how much we have sinned and deserve wrath. And we have gone astray. He leads us back into the fold with repentance. He then uses His Word of Gospel to forgive repentant hearts.

We have to recognize His voice. He calls and leads us with His voice, the better equipped we are to distract voices in this world. Friends, it is the message of Christ and the more we get into the walk will tend to become.

Now if we think about a tap recorder, its functions equipment that records things like music or a voice receiving equipment too. We all have ears. The Bible Jesus says in Matthew 13, "Whoever has ears, let him

listen. But sometimes we close our ears. We might hear the somewhere else. Or we hear the words from Scripture them. We get set in our own ways or God's words don't want. We know we shouldn't be angry with others and others, and we know we shouldn't feel sorry for our the Bible more, but for some reason we listen to our desires. When that happens we have allowed the desires of the world to drown out the voice of Christ.

We want to have our hearts and ears open so we have hearts and minds.

Tap recorders can also play back recording. When recorded, then we can play it back in our life. We when we follow Him, when we love Him, when we keep to Him and speak His words back to Him with petition.

But we can only play back God's message when we are alive. As First John says, "We love because He first loved us. As First John says, 'We love because He first atoned for our sins.' And in Romans 5 Paul writes love for us in this: 'While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.' It is sacrificial.

I will read a quote I came across in my reading. It says, "The Lord is my bleeding shepherd; I shall not say, 'The Lord is my shepherd.'" In the New Testament Shepherd. It is significant that Jesus immediately lived for His sheep. This sacrifice was necessary because we were astray. However, Jesus gave His life and shed His blood. Consequently, we have been redeemed, and all our sins are forgiven. He is our bleeding shepherd. He supplies the forgiveness

tools: a rod and a staff. And our of law is like the rod that lets us in His grace, as well as the sheep with His staff. And having brought us to repentance, He lifts up our

us with His Word. The more familiar recognize and reject the counterfeit in the Bible! Faith comes through hearing the Bible, the more stable our Christian

to record things. It has receiving of someone speaking. We have to talk about having ears to hear, as in "hear".

word themselves but our mind is but we don't want to think about 't seem convenient with what we know we shouldn't envy ourselves, and we know we should read the voices and follow our nagging resolve of our fallen nature and the speaking to us.

God's Word recorded in our

we have the message of Jesus playback the voice of our Shepherd His commands, when we pray and praise and thanksgiving.

live the grace He has given to us and gave His Son as a sacrifice, "God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us." This is the essence of

is from a pastor named Raedeke. He says, "I want. In the Old Testament David says, 'I am the Good Shepherd.' The good shepherd gives His life because all we like sheep have gone astray. Our eyes are cleansed from our sins. We are recovered. Praise God that He has forgiven us." This is the essence of our forgiveness.

When we have in mind God's great love for us we can and give reason for the hope we have. We can then pray with confidence that He hears us and by His with Him in His house forever.

God knows that our hearts and minds record His voice and "equipment" is being improved by the power of the Holy Spirit, but we still can distort and

Nevertheless, because He is the merciful Good Shepherd who gave His life for His sheep, He never tires of talking to us and He never hesitates to call us away from danger. God's Spirit continues to help us hear Jesus saying, "I have come that you may have life, and have it abundantly." Such a life-giving Lord will guide you on the right path. May we always hear and follow Him for Jesus our Good Shepherd. Amen. The peace of God that surpasses all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. Amen.

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