

## *Tuesday's Touch ...#27*

*...from Pastor Ed ...July 28, 2009*

### ***Receiving Truth... Part 6***

#### *The Will to Do His Will*

*If anyone has a will to do his will, he will know... the doctrine.. . John 7:17*

*But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.*

*James 1:22*

*My sheep hear my voice... **and they follow me.** John 10:27*

*He leads me beside the still waters... Psalm 23:26*

**H**ere again, we have a direct statement from the scriptures about receiving and discerning truth. A will to do the will of God is absolutely necessary. “Why do you call me Lord, Lord, and do not do the things I say?” (Lk 6:46). There is much talk today about the need to make disciples of Jesus after people are “saved.” This points to a fundamental flaw in our view (and presentation) of the gospel. If a person’s repentance at salvation didn’t make them a disciple (follower) of Jesus, than they haven’t repented. But, if they have been regenerated (born again), then they have been given ‘a will to do his will.’ His sheep **will** hear his voice **and follow**. Why do his sheep follow? Because they have been given an affinity for the Shepherd. He represents to them protection, provision, care, and love. He does not drive them, but leads them into green pastures. They need no law to command them to follow. But they do need to hear his voice instructing and guiding them. This is why the imperatives of his word are necessary. But, in the Spirit, they do not sound to the sheep as the threatenings of law, but as the loving voice of the Shepherd. They come from the One who has invited them to “come and learn of me, for I am meek and lowly, and you shall find rest to your souls, for my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”(ref Matt 11:28-30).

It may be true that occasionally a wayward sheep may need the discipline of the shepherd’s staff, but this is done in love, and is certainly not meant to be the norm. It may also be true that the sheep may, at times, become sluggish in following the shepherd’s will and need to be awakened. But, to the sheep, his commands are not burdensome. (1 John 5:3) If we hear His word and have no inner prompting or desire to follow, if we believe his commands to be harsh and unreasonable, if we are hearers only, but not doers- then we must ask ourselves, “Are we truly His sheep?”

Is your heart's desire to follow the Lamb wherever he goes, to glorify your Father who is in heaven, and to love and enjoy Him forever? Then it is the Lord's great delight to reveal his word to you. In his light you shall see light (Ps 36:9), and he shall lead you in paths of righteousness for his name's sake (Ps 23:3).

*Good Shepherd,*

*May many hear your voice this day... and follow.*

*Resting beside still waters,*

*Amen*

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