



- What does it mean to belong to the good shepherd, Jesus Christ? Let's look at verse 5-6 and see exactly what it means.

First, it means a table of _____.

- The shepherd would always go ahead and prepare the tableland of pasture for the sheep to graze in.
- Did you know that Christ, our good shepherd, went before us, to prepare a table of _____ for us?
- He entered fully and completely into the life of mankind. He encountered our sorrow and suffering, and then died our _____ on the cross.
- Why? He was preparing the tableland of blessing for us.
- *"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ."*
Ephesians 1:3

Second, it means an endless supply of _____.

- In the Bible, _____ is a picture of God's Holy Spirit. Hebrews 1:9; cf. Acts 10:38

- When a person trusts Christ to save him, God immediately gives to that person His Holy Spirit to come and dwell _____ of him.
1 Corinthians 6:19-20

- He is there to fill us with His _____ and strength to face the sometimes aggravating and tormenting circumstances of life.

Third, it means a position of _____.

- If you know Christ as your Savior and you belong to Him, you have a privileged position. You ask, What is my position? You are _____!
- What does this mean? Ephesians 1:3-7

Fourth, it means a _____ that will last forever.

- When you come into Christ's sheepfold, He loves you so much that He is _____ letting you go.
- *"My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand."* **John 10:27-29**

Christ will gladly take you into His sheepfold today. He specializes in taking bruised and battered _____ and restoring them fully and completely.