



- Jesus declared, *"I am the good shepherd."*
- There is nothing like being in the care of the good shepherd, Jesus Christ.
- In this psalm, David is boasting of the benefits of having the good shepherd in control. This morning, let's look at verse 3 and see two powerful reasons to give Christ control.

First, the good shepherd is there to pick us up when we _____.

- *"We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; Persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed."* **2 Corinthians 4:8-9**
- When we find ourselves cast down, Jesus stands ready to restore.
- Sometimes Christ will work through another brother or sister in Christ to _____ us when we are cast down. Galatians 6:1
- Sometimes Christ will take His _____ and use it to restore our soul.

- Christ loves to take His cast sheep and restore them in soul and heart.

Second, the good shepherd leads us on to _____ heights.

- *“I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture.”*
John 10:9
- Jesus saves us, then desires to lead us to green pastures where we can _____ and be spiritually healthy.
- *“And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.”* **Ephesians 6:17**
- As you yield to Christ and take in and digest God’s Word, the Holy Spirit begins to transform and _____ you, and take you down paths of righteousness that you could have never dreamed of.

Christian, are you a cast sheep today? The good shepherd stands ready to _____. Christian, maybe you are just stagnant on the same old ground. Isn’t it time to allow the good shepherd to lead you to new heights?