

Refrigerator Notes 26 April 2015
'Who Are the Other Sheep?'
John 10:11-18

1. There are a couple of good reasons why Jesus referred to God's children as being sheep
2. We see the reference of God's children being used in 23rd Psalm, Isaiah 53:6, Luke 15:3-7 and in Gospel of John 10
3. By the very nature of sheep (dumb, directionless, defenseless) this figure of speech is used to describe God's children
4. It becomes clear that this idea of the shepherd and his sheep is a good way to describe the relationship between the Lord and His people
5. However, there is a question that needs to be answered in the text this morning — 'Who are the other sheep' and 'where is this other pen' that Jesus addresses in John 10:16
6. To cut to the chase, Jesus came for the Jews first, but He was rejected by His own people, although He was a Jew Himself (John 10:25-26)
7. Second, since the Jews rejected their Messiah, Jesus carried the Word of God (good News) to the Gentiles
8. We learn through scripture that Jesus' ministry was not limited exclusively to the Jews
9. Before the resurrection of our Lord, Jews (under the Law) and Gentiles (under the New Covenant) were separated, but after our Lord's resurrection, the first sheep and pen were those to whom the Apostles carried the 'Good News', Jews and Gentiles alike
10. When Jesus died, and ascended into heaven, Jesus carried all the Saints whom had died before His resurrection
11. The second sheep pen, will be the faithful whom Jesus will gather when He returns the second time — the key emphasis should be the 'Faithful'
12. The faithful will be the ones who will recognize Jesus' voice and be gathered as one flock in one pen
13. They — the faithful- shall be one flock and have one Shepherd
14. The characteristics of sheep that I spoke of earlier, exist naturally and externally in God's children, as well as internally and spiritually in men who love the Lord
15. In order to enter heaven, Jesus said, all must become like little children, before they can enter the Kingdom of God
16. God's children know the voice of their Master when He calls, but the great commission was for Jesus' disciples to carry the Good News, first Jerusalem, then to Judea, then Samaritan, and to the rest of the world
17. We as children of God (DPC) are called to carry the Good News first to those in Lenoir, then Caldwell County, then North Carolina and then to the rest of the World