

John 21:16~ Again he said to him, a second time; **Simon, son of John, do you love me?**¹ He said to him; Yes, Lord, you know I have affection for you.² He said to him; **Shepherd my little sheep.**

Footnote: Literally, are you loving Greek, *a·ga·pais'*

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1· So to reinforce his point, Jesus asked Peter a second time, the same question. Did he love his Lord, more than he loved food? So Peter answered that Jesus surely knew that Peter had great affection for him. So again Jesus said to Peter; **Feed my little sheep.**

[Question] What now did Jesus say, to reinforce his earlier point, and what comparison did this make?

[Question] What should Peter then be doing, if he truly loved Christ?

2· He led him to Jesus. When Jesus looked upon him he **said**; You are Simon the **son of John**, you will be called Cephass, which is translated Peter. (**John 1:42**)

[Question] How did Jesus change the name of Simon upon first meeting him?

3· For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasturage and the sheep of his hand. Today, if you people listen to his own voice. (**Psalms 95:7**)

[Question] How did the Psalmist show, how we become the sheep of Yehowah God's pasturage?

4· But, instead, go continually to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. (**Matthew 10:6**)

[Question] Who was Jesus Christ sent forth to minister to primarily?

5· Now during these days Peter rose up in the midst of the brothers and **said**, the crowd of persons was all together about one hundred and twenty. (**Acts of Apostles 1:15**)

[Question] How many persons were present there at Pentecost when the Holy Spirit was first poured out?

6· But Peter stood up with the eleven and raised his voice and made this utterance to them; Men of Judea, and all you inhabitants of Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and

give ear to my sayings. (Acts of Apostles 2:14)

[Question] How did Peter later bear witness to many Jews gathered together in Jerusalem for the festival of Pentecost?

- 7· Now may the God of peace, who brought up from the dead the great shepherd of the sheep with the blood of an everlasting covenant, our Lord Jesus. (Hebrews 13:20)**

[Question] How is Jesus described by the apostle Paul?

- 8· For you were like sheep, going astray, but now you have returned to the shepherd and overseer of your souls. (1 Peter 2:25)**

[Question] What were God's people like, before the coming of Christ, and now who have they returned to?

- 9· Shepherd the flock of God in your care, not under compulsion, but willingly, neither for love of dishonest gain, but eagerly. (1 Peter 5:2)**

[Question] What counsel did Paul give to anointed Christian elders in Ephesus, as to how to care for the flock?