

**“THE CHRISTIAN’S CONFIDENCE” Series**

Message #1 of 6

**“MY SHEPHERD”**

*The Christian can be confident  
that God is all you need for all your life.*

Psalm 23:1

“The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want.”

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**1. GOD – (Psalm 23:1a) – *Know That God Is For You***

**A. THE LORD ... God Is God**

- “I AM WHO I AM”
- “Sovereign Lord”
- “Almighty Lord”
- “Father, Son, and Holy Spirit”

**B. IS ... God exists**

- God has revealed Himself
- God is knowable

**C. MY ... God desires Me**

- Personal, one-on-One, relational
- Not “ours,” “theirs,” “my parents,” or “my culture”

“I know my sheep and my sheep know me.” – John 10:14

**D. SHEPHERD ... God cares for Me**

- God is good
- God is loving
- God is my comforter, caregiver, counselor

“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.” – John 10:11

**2. US – (Psalm 23:1b) – *Receive What God Has For You***

**A. I ... It’s mine for the asking.**

- “me,” “mine,” “myself”

**B. SHALL ... A relationship with God is possible & real**

- Not “maybe” or “might”
- But “will definitely” / Without question
- Always, forever

“I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever.” – John 14:16

“Be content with what you have, because God has said, ‘Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you.’” – Hebrews 13:5 (see also Deuteronomy 31:6b)

**C. NOT ... Confidence is found in nothing but the Lord**

- Not the world but the Lord
- Not what I conjure up, but what the Lord has

“Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.” – Romans 12:2a

**D. WANT ... Complete satisfaction is only found in the Lord**

- Total satisfaction
- Complete fulfillment
- God provides everything

“I came that they may have life, and have it to the full.” – John 10:10b

✓ “And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus.” – Philippians 4:19

✓ “While we were sinners, Christ died for us.” – Romans 5:8

✓ “We love because He first loved us.” – 1<sup>st</sup> John 4:19