

# WHY FOLLOW JESUS?

## JOHN 10:1-10

*How did you see God working in your life this week? (Romans 1:11, 12)*

BACKGROUND: Without Christ's abundant life, I would not have assurance of my salvation. But with the Holy Spirit in me, I know that I know!

**JESUS KNOWS ME.** Jesus has concern even for the little sparrow. But He demonstrated my value to Him by willingly giving up His life for me so that I, with sin forgiven, could experience His personal love for me. Jesus seals my confidence that I have a personal relationship with Him by giving me the Holy Spirit. (**John 10:1-6, fn 10:1, John 10:14-18, fn 10:17-18, Matthew 10:29-31, fn 10:29-31, Romans 5:5, fn 5:5-6, II Corinthians 5:5, fn 5:5**) *With the Holy Spirit in you, how can you know that Jesus knows you?*

**JESUS IS THE ONLY WAY.** This is unlike religions that claim to have many ways to God. My sin's ownership and control of my life demanded punishment and condemnation. Jesus provided a way to avoid the sentence of condemnation by substituting His sinless life for my sinful life. He did this by the way of the cross. I gave Jesus my sin and received Him as my Savior. My sin was laid on Jesus on the cross as my substitute and He took my punishment and declared me righteous. (**John 10:7-9, fn 10:7, John 14:6, fn 14:6[1<sup>st</sup>], Hebrews 10:22, fn 10:21-22, I Peter 2:24, fn 2:22-25, Romans 8:1, fn 8:1, II Corinthians 5:21**) *If Jesus is your Savior, why should you not feel guilty because of sins of your life before receiving Christ?*

**JESUS GIVES ME AN ABUNDANT LIFE.** My experience of life with Christ starts the day when in quietness I open His Word and, without commotion or rigid formality, He and I enjoy each other's company. Unintentionally, I am filled with the Holy Spirit and I have joy. With His abundant life accepted by faith, I begin the day with Jesus. All is possible because He gave His life for me. (**John 10:10, fn 10:10, I Peter 1:8, 9, fn 1:8-9, Philippians 3:10-14, fn 3:10, fn 3:12-14**) *What prevents you from experiencing Christ's abundant life? How could that change?*

*Are you taking time to experience the presence of the Holy Spirit with the Living Word teaching you and giving you His joy, His love, and His peace?*