

The Shepherd's Passions  
Psalm 23 (Part 3)

God Has a Personal Passion for "With-ness" – Ps 23:4; Ro 5:8

- His love is a holy passion for oneness – Mk 3:14; Jo 14:3; Jo 17:20-24
- In Christ, human persons are joined to the Person of God – Ro 6:4
- ...in a relational and personal oneness – Col 1:27; 1 Cor 6:17

The Characteristics/Benefits of This "With-ness": - Heb 13:20-21

- It is a nourishing "with-ness" – Ps 23:5
  - ...people get hungry and He feeds us on His truth – Rev 3:20; Lk 24:28-31; 44-45
  - ...I have truth for every crisis – Jo 6:35; 8:31-32
- It is a joyful "with-ness" – Ps 23:5; Heb 1:9
  - ...people get dejected and He provides a holy gladness – Jo 15:11; 16:22
  - ...I have joy for every life event – Ps 16:11
- It is an overflowing "with-ness" – Ps 23:5; 116:12,13
  - ...people get drained, empty and He supplies His abundant life – Jo 10:10; 1 Cor 2:9
  - ...I have an abundant supply for every need – Is 12:2-3; Phil 4:19
- It is a loving "with-ness" – Ps 23:6; 86:5
  - ...people want to be loved, accepted and He makes us His always being loved children – Ro 5:8-10; Jo 13; 1 Jo 3:1
  - ...I have the perfect love of God for every moment! – 1 Jo 4:7-18; Ro 8:35-39
- It is a forever "with-ness" – Ps 23:6
  - ...people are never at home in the created and He joins us to His Uncreated Life – Ecc 3:11; 9:4; 1 Cor 6:17
  - ...I have the forever life of Christ for every day – Ps 23:6; 1 Pet 1:3-9