

Word Studies

Jn 10

Jn 10:9 "I am the door; if anyone enters through Me he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture."

I am = ego eimi verb, present tense, active voice

The door = thura singular noun and part of the sentence subject
meaning 'door', 'gate', 'entrance'
Strong's Greek #2374 39 occurrences

The rest of the words in Greek are as they read in English, nothing surprising. But there is a lot of meaning under the surface. We must be saved through Christ, not a pope, a special prayer, a prophet or other representative of Christ, not the churches of Christ, not my spouse, not by my deeds...but only through Christ the door. We must be saved before we are allowed 'in' - to a special place only for those permitted to enter. When we enter through Him into the pen (?), pasture (?), or other gathering place, we are then allowed to go 'out' - this could be read as a freedom to go in and out of the special place to which He stands as the door, or as going out further into the place (like further into the mansion or pasture). When we have gone in and out, we will certainly find 'pasture' = food/life, sustenance, peace, tranquility, safety...

Jn 10:14 "I am the good shepherd and I know My own and My own know Me"

The good shepherd = ho poimen ho kalos
ho poimen singular noun and part of the sentence subject
Meaning 'shepherd'
Strong's Greek #4166 18 occurrences
ho kalos singular adjective qualifying the sentence subject
Meaning 'good', 'fine moral character', 'having good and noble qualities'
Strong's Greek #2570 101 occurrences

I know = ginosko verb, present tense, active voice
meaning 'know', 'understand', 'recognize', 'be aware', 'to know experientially'
Strong's Greek #1097 222 occurrences

My own = ema possessive pronoun, plural, marking the direct object
meaning 'those of me' (literal translation), 'mine' (most translations)
Strong's Greek #1699 76 occurrences

'...I know My own and My own know Me' appears in the Greek like it does in the English - using the same words for each party. Meaning not only does the Good Shepherd experientially know His sheep, but His sheep experientially know Him. While we individually know Him from our personal experiences and walk with Him, there is a tremendous intimacy we gain from experiencing Him in unity as the Body of Christ, as we walk together we gain more.