

# Bible Study 101—part 2

## Expanding the Use of a Concordance—John 21:15-17—

15\* So when they had dined, Jesus saith to Simon Peter, Simon, *son* of Jonas, lovest (Strong's #25 agapao "to love [social or moral]) thou Me more than these? He saith unto Him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love (Strong's #5368 phileo, to be a friend to, [fond of], affection) Thee. He saith unto him, Feed My lambs.

16 He saith to him again the second time, Simon, *son* of Jonas, lovest (Strong's #25 agapao "to love [social or moral]) thou Me? He saith unto Him, Yea, Lord; Thou knowest that I love (Strong's #5368 phileo, to be a friend to, [fond of], affection) Thee. He saith unto him, Feed My sheep.

17\* He saith unto him the third time, Simon, *son* of Jonas, lovest (Strong's #5368 phileo, to be a friend to, [fond of], affection) thou Me? Peter was grieved because He said unto him the third time, Lovest (Strong's #5368 phileo, to be a friend to, [fond of], affection) thou Me? And he said unto Him, Lord, Thou knowest all things; Thou knowest that I love Thee. Jesus saith unto him, Feed My sheep.

Jesus pointed Peter to the feeding of His:

“Lambs”

“Sheep”

“Sheep”

Can we find three general classes of people in the Bible that God wants us to feed?

Look up “lambs” or “lamb’s” in the concordance.

(Find the Strong's number; The Strong's number is 721).

Look at the NT passages.

Hint: Look at the passages in the last two chapters of Revelation.

“...shew thee the bride, the Lamb's wife.”

Rev 21:9

“...are written in the Lamb's book of life.”

Rev 21:27

“...the twelve apostles of the Lamb.”

Rev 21:14

“Lambs”—those in the fold—Luke 22:32-“strengthen your brethren”

“Sheep”

“Sheep”

Can we find two other general classes of people God wants us to feed?

Look up “sheep” in the concordance.

The Strong’s number is 4263.

Look at the NT passages.

Hint: Look at the passages in John 10.

“And **other sheep I have, which are not of this fold**; them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd.” John 10:16

“Lambs”—those in the fold

“Sheep”—those in other folds

“Sheep”

Can we find one other class of people in the Bible that God wants us to feed?

Look up “sheep” in the concordance.

Look at the NT and OT passages.

Hint: Look at the passages in Isaiah 53.

“**All we like sheep have gone astray**; we have turned **every one** to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on Him the iniquity of us all.” Isaiah 53:6

1) “Lambs”—those in the fold

2) “Sheep”—those in other folds

3) “Sheep”—the world.

Yes, there are three general classes of people in the Bible that God wants us to feed?

“So when they had dined, Jesus saith to Simon Peter, Simon, son of Jonas,

lovest [agapao] thou Me more than these? He saith unto Him, Yea, Lord; Thou knowest that I love [phileo] Thee. He saith unto Him, feed My lambs [those in the church]. He saith to Him again the second time, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest [agapao] thou Me? He saith unto Him, Yea, Lord; Thou knowest that I love [phileo] Thee. He saith unto him, Feed My sheep [those in other churches]. He saith unto him the third time, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest [phileo] thou Me? Peter was grieved because He said unto him the third time, Lovest [phileo] thou Me? And he said unto Him, Lord, Thou knowest all things; Thou knowest that I love [phileo] Thee. Jesus saith unto him, Feed My sheep [those in the world].” (John 17:15-17).

### **Focus on Christ to change the heart—**

“There are many who try to correct the life of others by attacking what they consider are wrong habits. They go to those whom they think are in error, and point out their defects. They say, "You don't dress as you should." They try to pick off the ornaments, or whatever seems offensive, but they do not seek to fasten the mind to the truth. Those who seek to correct others should present the attractions of Jesus. They should talk of his love and compassion, present his example and sacrifice, reveal his Spirit, and they need not touch the subject of dress at all. There is no need to make the dress question the main point of your religion. There is something richer to speak of. Talk of Christ, and when the heart is converted, everything that is out of harmony with the word of God will drop off. It is only labor in vain to pick leaves off a living tree. The leaves will reappear. The ax must be laid at the root of the tree, and then the leaves will fall off, never to return” (The *Signs of the Times*, 07-01-89).