

# MESSAGE NOTES

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## “SAFE IN THE ARMS OF YOUR GOOD SHEPHERD!”

When you view the picture of Jesus as the Good Shepherd, what sheep do you picture yourself as?

Who is Stephen?

Why was he in trouble?

READ Acts 7:51-60

**Jesus Shepherd of the sheep, Who your Father's flock does keep,  
Safe we wake and safe we sleep, Guarded still by you.**

What comfort could Stephen receive knowing Jesus was his Good Shepherd?

What comfort do we have to be able to call Jesus our "Good Shepherd"?

- *John 10:11 "I am the Good Shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep."*

**In your promise firm we stand; None can take us from your hand.  
Speak—we hear—at your command, We will follow you.**

**By your blood our souls were bought; By your life salvation wrought;  
By your light our feet are taught, Lord, to follow you.**

In what ways does Satan get us to doubt the promises of God?

What promises of God enable us to stand firm as Stephen did?

- *1 Peter 1:18* <sup>18</sup> For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your forefathers, <sup>19</sup> but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect. <sup>20</sup> He was chosen before the creation of the world, but was revealed in these last times for your sake. <sup>21</sup> Through him you believe in God, who raised him from the dead and glorified him, and so your faith and hope are in God.

**Father draw us to your Son; We with joy will follow on  
Till the work of grace is done, There to live with you.**

**We, in robes of glory dressed, Join the assembly of the blest,  
Gathered to eternal rest In the fold with you.**

Why did God give Stephen a glimpse of heaven?

What comfort do these glimpses give us?

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Summarize the blessings we have because Jesus is our Good Shepherd.