

Psalm 23

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Week 6

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Outline Week 6

We can lead a life worth living, a life of confidence, because God, our Good Shepherd, pursues us with His goodness and mercy.

I. We fail.

- A. We wander. See Isa 53:6
- B. We wonder.
- C. We worry.

II. God's Goodness and Mercy follow us.

- A. Surely...
- B. Goodness is getting what we don't deserve. See Romans 8:28
- C. Mercy is not getting what we do deserve. See 1 John 1:9
- D. All the days of our lives.

III. We belong in God's flock.

- A. We belong in God's flock in the same way that a cell belongs in the body in which it was created.
- B. The House of the Lord can be creation itself, or the Church, the Body of Christ.
- C. We will dwell in the flock of the Lord forever!

**“GOODNESS” AND “MERCY” ARE LIKE GOD’S
TWO SHEEPDOGS, KEEPING GOD’S FLOCK FROM
STRAYING AND RETURNING THE LOST.**



Scriptures for the Week:

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him and are called according to his purpose.

Ro. 8:28

When Moses asks to see his glory, God responds, “I will make my *goodness* pass before you, and will proclaim before you my name, the Lord.” Then the Lord passes before Moses and proclaims, “Yahweh, Yahweh, a God *merciful* and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love!” Moses then confesses that the Lord is a forgiving God.

Catechism of the Catholic Church paragraph 210

Ex. 33: 18, 19, 34:5,6

Italics added

So in Christ, we who are many form one body, and each member *belongs* to all the others.

Ro. 12:5

Italics added

May the Lord bless you and keep you and keep you;
The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto
you;
The Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace.

Numbers 6:24