

The Lord is My Shepherd
Facing the Future
Take Home Handout

"Surely goodness and mercy will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever." Psalm 23:6 (KJV)

I CAN FACE THE FUTURE CONFIDENTLY...

1. BECAUSE GOD IS _____ ME!

"Surely goodness ... will follow me all the days of my life ..."

"The Lord watches over all who love him ..." Psalm 145:20 (NIV)

"We know that all that happens to us is working for our good! IF we love God and are fitting into His plans." Romans 8:28 (LB)

2. BECAUSE GRACE IS _____ ME!

"Surely... mercy will follow me all the days of my life..."

"I will have mercy on you through my grace." Isaiah 60:10 (LB)

GRACE – God's Riches At Christ's Expense

"I will ... not forget the glorious things God does for me. He forgives all my sins. He heals me. He ransoms me from hell. He surrounds me with loving-kindness... He fills my life with good things ... He is merciful and tender toward those who don't deserve it; He is slow to get angry... He never bears a grudge ... He has not punished us as we deserve for our sins for HIS MERCY ... is as great as the height of the heavens ... He is like a father to us, tender and sympathetic to those who reverence him." Psalm 103:2-11 (LB)

"... we can come before God's throne where ... we can receive mercy and grace to help us when we need it." Hebrews 4:16 (NCV)

3. BECAUSE HEAVEN IS _____ ME!

"And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever."

"We know that our body ... will be destroyed. But when that happens, God will have a house for us. It will not be a house made by human hands; instead, it will be a home in heaven that will last forever." 2 Corinthians 5:1 (NCV)

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am." John 14:1-3 (NIV)

"He will wipe away all tears from their eyes, and there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying, nor pain. All of that has gone forever." Revelation 21:4 (LB)

"God has reserved for his children the priceless gift of eternal life; it is kept in heaven for you, pure and undefiled, beyond the reach of change and decay. And God, in his mighty power, will make sure that you get there safely to receive it because you are trusting him... So be truly glad! There is wonderful joy ahead, even though the going is rough for a while down here." 1 Peter 1:4-6 (LB)

"My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish...." John 10:27-28 (NIV)

SUMMARY: Jesus is _____ you _____.