“Personal Relationship, Particular Redemption”

*John 1:1–21*

Sermon Outline

Big Idea—*The gospel works because God’s love is personal and his redemption is particular.*

**Introduction: Restoring Joy in Salvation**

Key References—Psalm 13:5; 51:12

**1. The Personal Love of the Shepherd for the Sheep**

*a. The Shepherd knows his sheep by name.* (Key Reference—John 10:26)

*b. The loving knowledge between the Shepherd and his sheep is like that of the Father and Son.*

*c. God’s electing love is specifically personal, not generally ambiguous.*

**2. The Eternal Pact between the Father and Son**

*a. The language of an agreement.* (Key References—Genesis 3:15; John 3:17)

*b. Conditions and promises.* (Key References—Isaiah 42:6; 50:5–9; 53:12; Philippians 2:9–11)

*c. Before the foundation of the world.* (Key References—John 10:29; 17:1–2, 6; Ephesians 1:4)

**3. The Particular Redemption of the Sheep by the Shepherd**

*a. For the sheep.* (Key References—Ephesians 5:25; Acts 20:28; Matthew 1:21)

*b. Saved, not savable.* (Key References—1 Timothy 1:15; Titus 2:14; Romans 5:10; Hebrews 9:12; Galatians 3:13; 1 Peter 2:24; Romans 8:34; John 6:37, 39; 10:28–29)

*c. Securing God’s grip, not opening his hand.*

**Conclusion: Will You Receive Him?**