

# The Local Assembly as an Expression of the Whole – Be What You Are!

The Flock

# Invisible Aspect

- Past
  - The one **body** that never dies
  - The one lampstand that never dims
- Present
  - The one **building** that is never destroyed
  - The one garden that never decays
  - The one **family** that is never divided
  - The one **flock** that never disperses
- Future
  - The one bride that is never divorced

# Visible Aspect

- Present
  - The building that's ordered
  - The family that loves
  - The flock that hears
  - The body that's one

# The Flock

- A flock – obedience – John 10:11-16
  - One fold
  - One shepherd
  - Many sheep
  - Many wolves
  - Many hirelings

# Key Points

- The creator
- The controller
- The character
- The commission
- The crown

# Flock Creator

- John 10:14, 16
  - Jesus Christ

# Flock Controller

- Psalm 80:1
  - Shepherd of Israel
- 1 Peter 2:25
  - The Shepherd
- John 10:11, 14
  - The Good Shepherd - Past
- Hebrews 13:20
  - The Great Shepherd - Present
- 1 Peter 5:4
  - The Chief Shepherd - Future

# Flock Character

- John 10:9
  - Go in and out
  - Find pasture
- John 10:14
  - Know the Shepherd
- John 10:16
  - Hear His voice
- There are many sheep

# Flock Commission

- John 3:3
  - Listen
- Psalm 77:20, 78:52-55, John 10:4
  - Follow
- 1 Peter 5:1, Acts 20:28
  - Feed
- Psalm 23
  - Dwell

# Flock Crown

- John 10:10
  - Abundant life
- Revelation 7:17
  - His kingdom
- 1 Peter 5:4
  - Crown of glory

# The Key

- The flock
  - A model
    - 1 Peter 5:1-3
    - Its order
    - Its obedience
    - Its care