**R1004 Rumination for Apr. 21, 2024**

The **T**heme:**The Gospel *Concerning* Christ.** [berita-bethel-ung.com](http://www.berita-bethel-ung.com)

The **T**ext: *the* ***G****ospel of* ***G****od…in the* holy *Scriptures****concerning*** *His Son*Rom. 1:1-3

The **T**hots:

1. **The Connotation of ‘*Concerning’* regarding the Gospel of His Son. Rom. 1:1, 3**

*the gospel of God…****concerning*** *His Son*

1. The **C**onnotation of “***C****oncerning*”.
2. ***C****oncerning* is “*peri*” in Greek – cf. Perimeter in English.
3. The **C**ircle of the ***P****erimeter* of the Gospel isits **C**ircumference.
4. Outside this **C**ircle are **P**eople **P**roscribed by the **G**ospel of Jesus – the **G**entiles. Eph. 2:12

*That at that time ye were* ***without Christ****, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel,*

*and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and* ***without******God*** *in the world;*

1. I*nside* this **C**ircle are those **P**rotected by the Gospel of Jesus – the **C**hurch. Eph. 2:13

*But now* ***in Christ******Jesus*** *ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of* ***C****hrist.*

1. Now, ***C****oncerning* the **C**ircumference of the Gospel **C**ircle –

A **C**ircle has three features, viz.

1. The **C**ircumference of the **C**ircle denotes the Limits of those Inside and Outside.
2. The **R**adius of the **C**ircle are the Spokes **C**onnected to the **C**entre – they are those *in* ***C****hrist.*
3. The **C**entre of the **C**ircle is ***C****oncerning…* Rom. 1:3
4. *His* ***S****on Jesus Christ our Lord…* *made of the* ***S****eed of David according to the flesh;*
5. Our **S**aviour and *Lord* –

*For unto you is born this day in the city of David a* ***S****avior, who is Christ the Lord.* Lk. 2:11

1. *Declared to be the* ***S****on of God in power…* *Jesus Christ our Lord…* Rom. 1:4a, 3
* *through His prophets in the holy* ***S****criptures.* Rom. 1:2
* *according to the* ***S****pirit of holiness.* Rom. 1:4b
* *by His* **S**tated *resurrection from the dead.* Rom. 1:4c
1. **The Connection with (*Concerning*) the Fold and the Flock. Jn. 10:16**

*And other sheep I have, which are not of this* ***fold****: them also I must bring, and they shall hear My voice; and there shall be one* ***fold (= flock, NRSV)****, and one shepherd*

1. The Difference between the ***F****old* and the ***F****lock*
2. The ***F****old* has no **F**ocus in the **C**entre but it has a **C**ircumference **F**orming a “**C**ircle”.
3. Outside the Fold are **S**inners, the other **S**heep – the Gentiles. See #1 (i)
4. Inside the Fold are His **S**aved **S**heep – the Church… See # 1 (ii)

 Jews and Gentiles who have believed in the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

1. The ***F****old* has a Door – I *am the door…* Jn. 10:9
2. *by Me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture.* Jn. 10:9
3. *Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that entereth not by the door into the sheepfold,*

 *but climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber.* Jn. 10:1

1. *But he that entereth in by the door is the shepherd of the sheep.* Jn. 10:2
2. *The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep to him the porter openeth.* 10:3
3. The ***F****lock* has a **S**hepherd, and the **S**heep **F**ollow Him. Jn. 10:11
4. *I am ﻿the good shepherd: the good shepherd ﻿giveth His life for the sheep.*
5. *I am the good shepherd, and ﻿know My sheep, and am known of Mine.* Jn. 10:14, 15

*As the* ***F****ather knoweth Me, even so know I the Father: and ﻿I lay down My life for the sheep*

1. The **F**ocus of the Sheep is their Good Shepherd.
2. **The Caution to the Under-Shepherds to Care for the Flock Acts 20:28**
3. They are the **O**verseers and **C**arers of the Flock:

﻿*Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all ﻿the flock,*

*over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you ﻿overseers, ﻿*

*to feed the church of God, which He hath ﻿purchased ﻿with His own blood*

1. They are the under-**S**hepherds of the **S**heep in the Flock: **I Pet. 5:1-4**
2. Their Seniori**ty**: *The* ***elders*** *which are among you I exhort, who am also an* ***elder***5:1
3. Their Plurali**ty**: *So I exhort the elder****s*** *among you, as a* ***fellow elder***5:1
4. Their Spirituali**ty**: *and a* ***witness*** *of the sufferings of Christ,*

 *as well as a* ***partaker*** *in the glory that is going to be revealed:*

1. Their **R**esponsibili**ty**: 5:2, 3
2. *﻿Feed the flock of God ﻿which is among you, ﻿taking the oversight thereof, ﻿*
3. ***not*** *by constraint, but willingly; ﻿****not*** *for filthy lucre,* ***but*** *﻿of a ready mind;*
4. ***Neither*** *as ﻿﻿being lords over ﻿God’s heritage,* ***but*** *﻿being ﻿ensamples to the flock.*
5. Their **R**eward in Glor**y**: 5:4

 *When ﻿the Chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall ﻿receive ﻿a crown of glory ﻿that fadeth not away*

**P**oints To **P**onder: *We are inside the* ***C****ircle of God’s* ***F****avour to* ***F****ocus on* ***C****hrist as our* ***C****entre always.*