# The Yearning in the Heart of a Shepherd

2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 13:7-14 (series #40)

Intro: God's indictment against uncaring shepherds
- Jeremiah 23:1-4; Ezekiel 34:1-10

#### I. Paul's Prayer for the Corinthians vv. 7-9

- A. To do no wrong but what is honorable v. 7 Job 1:5
- B. So Paul wouldn't have to discipline v. 8
- C. To be fully restored and spiritually strong v. 9

#### II. Paul's Purpose in Writing v. 10

- A. He was gentle in person and firm in writing 10:1, 10
- B. His goal was their edification, not destruction

### III. Paul's Closing Exhortations vv. 11-12

- A. Farewell or rejoice
- B. Become complete or aim for restoration
- C. Be encouraged
- D. Be of one mind and live in peace
- E. Greet one another with a holy kiss

## IV. Paul's Greeting and Benediction vv. 13-14

- A. A greeting from other believers v. 13
- B. A Trinitarian benediction v. 14

Conclusion: The Corinthians responded properly!