

*"My Cup Runneth Over"*  
*Assurance in Abundance*

Introduction:

1. The journey to summer ranges...
2. To stay and to thrive in those mountain fields, preparation had to be made.
3. The Good Shepherd always satisfies the needs of His flock.

I. The Cup of Communion

- A. The shepherd provides for the sheep in every way possible – and he does so abundantly.
- B. His care for them demonstrates ownership, fellowship, and affection.
- C. The imagery also describes the hospitality of a king (cf. Gen. 43:16; 2 Sam. 9:7; etc.).
  1. The table was prepared with a feast.
  2. The guests were anointed (cf. Luke 7:46).
  3. The cups were filled.
- D. An empty cup meant it was time to leave; a full cup meant the feast continued; and an overflowing cup meant abundant welcome.
- E. The Good Shepherd offers His flock the cup of communion (Luke 22:20; 1 Cor. 10:16; 11:25-28).

II. The Assurance of Abundance

- A. The age-old question: "Is the cup half-empty or is the cup half-full?"
  1. One's answer determines his view of life and its circumstances.
  2. Pessimism can produce jealousy, envy, and hate.
- B. Yet, with the Lord, the cup is always overflowing!
- C. God is a God of abundance (Exo. 1:7; 34:6; Num. 20:11; Isa. 55:7; John 10:10; Eph. 3:20; Titus 3:5-6; 1 Pet. 1:3; 2 Pet. 1:11)!
- D. Abundance of Grace (Rom. 5:15-20; 1 Tim. 1:14; 2 Cor. 9:8)
- E. Abundance of Hope (Rom. 15:13)
- F. Abundance of Love (John 3:16)
- G. Shouldn't we be overflowing with gratitude?