



# THE REMINDER

## Looking Over Jordan

One of the ways we think about what Jesus did on the cross is the “substitutionary” way. We believe that Jesus' death was a substitute for our own punishment for sin. We know that Jesus is the perfect Lamb for sacrifice, unblemished and perfect, without sin in God's sight.

I Peter 1:18-19 says, “knowing that you were not redeemed with perishable things like silver or gold from your futile way of life inherited from your forefather, but with precious blood, as of a lamb unblemished and spotless, the blood of Christ.”

Jesus has paid the greatest price, so that we have the freedom to live by His unmerited and undeserved favor towards us. The people who first read I Peter would remember that God had redeemed Israel from bondage in Egypt, where they lived as slaves to Pharaoh making bricks without straw. (Ever feel like you're making bricks without straw?) God in Heaven heard their cries, and He called Moses out of the wilderness. Moses said to Pharaoh, “Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, 'Let my people go that they may celebrate a feast to Me in the wilderness.'” (Exodus 5:1) God was saving His people so that they could worship Him. All this was being done right in front of the Egyptians.



Pharaoh eventually let God's people go, after God sent the plagues and his firstborn son died. Even then, Pharaoh changed his mind and pursued Israel, perishing in the Red Sea. When God sent the plague of death, Israel avoided this by participating in the first Passover. They substituted a lamb for themselves, through sacrifice and putting some of the lamb's blood over their doors. The death plague passed by their door, if it was covered with the blood of the lamb. So we see how the sacrificial lambs died, so that God's people did not.

From this time, the entire Old Covenant sacrificial practice was substitutionary. There were several types of animal substitutes, and offerings, for different circumstances. But through it all, the ultimate and final sacrifice of the Son of

### BIRTHDAY

Becky Layton

17TH



### FINANCIAL REPORT FOR APRIL



- Income: \$7089
- Expense: \$7474

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SACRIFICE FOR OUR SINS, AND  
NOT ONLY FOR OURS BUT ALSO FOR  
THE SINS OF THE WHOLE WORLD.

- 1 JOHN 2:2

God was anticipated. The entire Old Covenant pointed to the New Covenant which was made by the blood of Christ Jesus. Hebrews 9:12-14 says, "...and not through the blood of goats and calves, but through His own blood, He entered the holy place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption. For if the blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer sprinkling those who have been defiled sanctify for the cleansing of the flesh, how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without blemish to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?"

So we always remember, and confess, that we are not saved because we are superior to other people, or we are very smart or have a good attitude. No, we are saved by Jesus' taking upon Himself our sins, and the penalty of our sins, and offering His blood for our redemption. We are free to live as we ought to, we are set free from bondage to sin. As 1 John 2:2 says, "...and He Himself is the propitiation for our sins; and not for ours only, but also for those of the whole world."

Happy because of Jesus,

*Pastor James*

*A GODLY MAN - by Betty Dulin*  
*One righteous man, what is he worth?*  
*Far above all the diamonds on Earth.*  
*Blessed is the man whose God is the Lord,*  
*who lives by His power and feeds on His Word.*  
*For this man shall prosper, his soul cannot die.*  
*His treasures, the riches of earth cannot buy.*



**Pregnancy Network**  
**"Share the Change"**  
**Baby Bottle Campaign**  
**Sunday, May 12 - June 16**

This is the true story of George Phillips of Meridian, Mississippi, who was going to bed when his wife told him that he'd left the light on in the shed. George opened the door to go turn off the light but saw there were people in the shed in the process of stealing things. He immediately phoned the police, who asked, "Is someone in your house?" and George said, "No," and explained the situation. Then they explained that all patrols were busy, and that he should simply lock his door and an officer would be there when available. George said, "Okay," hung up, counted to 30, and phoned the police again. "Hello, I just called you a few seconds ago because there were people in my shed. Well, you don't have to worry about them now because I've just shot them all." Then he hung up. Within five minutes three squad cars, an Armed Response unit, and an ambulance showed up. Of course, the police caught the burglars red-handed. One of the policemen said to George, "I thought you said that you'd shot them!" George said, "I thought you said there was nobody available!"

**TIME**  
**FOR**  
**A LAUGH**

A husband and wife were driving through Louisiana. As they approached Natchitoches, they started arguing about the pronunciation of the town. They argued back and forth, then they stopped for lunch. At the counter, the husband asked the blonde waitress, "Before we order, could you please settle an argument for us? Would you please pronounce where we are very slowly?" She leaned over the counter and said, "Burr-gerrr Kiing."

