

# God Delivers



DailyLife  
Five Oaks Church

Week 9: February 27–March 3, 2017

# Day 1

February 27



*Pray / Pray for forgiveness today!*

## GUILTY

Have you ever had a deep sense of guilt where you realized you had sent ripples of destruction out into the world? How did you deal with your guilt? There must be a way for us to resolve these things. Otherwise there is little hope for mankind, since every one of us has been the offender! In the Scriptures, God's prescription has always involved atonement—blood sacrifice. That may seem gruesome to some of us, but God wants to make it clear that sin is a serious, ugly thing, and the price for our sin is great. In the Old Testament, the sacrifices were imperfect, but they serve to help us recognize what Jesus' sacrifice was all about.



*Read / Leviticus 5:1–13; Hebrews 9:13–14; Hebrews 10:1–4; and Isaiah 53:10 (an Old Testament reference to Christ)*



*Reflect / Spend some time reflecting on the following questions.*

If there had been no Old Testament, no sacrificial laws, could we have ever recognized the “Lamb of God” and his work, or would His death have been an unremembered execution in an obscure Roman province?

The “preaching of the cross” is described by the apostle Paul in 1 Corinthians 1:18 as “the power of God.” It is the power of God for our ultimate perfection. Yet to some, it is said to appear to be folly (foolishness). Consider the life of the animal sacrificed for Israel’s sins. They were innocent and valuable to their owners. Their life’s blood made the worshipers ceremonially clean. Now consider the value of the life and blood of God’s one and only perfect son. Was his sacrifice enough to remove your guilt?

## Day 2

February 28



*Pray / Ask for help to see the great value of his free gift.*

FREE!

When John the Baptist pointed out Jesus to his disciples, he said, “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!” (John 1:29).

In today’s reading in Leviticus, we see God’s goodness in that he makes atonement available to both the well-to-do and the poor. We see this even more profoundly in the cross of Christ. The cost of the sacrifice was fully absorbed by God, making forgiveness available to anyone who would confess and turn away from their sin!



*Read / Leviticus 5:5–13; 1 John 1:1–2:6*



*Reflect / Spend some time reflecting on the following questions.*

What similarities do you see between Leviticus 5:5–6 and 1 John 1:9–10?

God's forgiveness is free to us since he paid the price in full. Then why is it so hard for many of us to come to Christ?

Each Israelite was called to participate in the sacrifice, and God made that possible by allowing for each individual's financial status. Each experienced a cost for their sin by participating in the sacrifice. Have you ever considered what your sin cost God?

# Day 3

March 1



*Pray / Ask what relationships Christ wants to restore.*

## RESTORE

Sometimes making amends for things we have done wrong is impossible. However, there are situations where we can make things right. Doing so makes the world a better place and slows the advance of evil.

You will see in today's readings that restoration and restitution are mentioned rather than just forgiveness. Because God highly values relationships, he asks us to be diligent in maintaining them. This applies to our relationship with him and to other people.



*Read / Leviticus 6:1–6, Matthew 5:23–24*



*Reflect / Spend some time reflecting on the following questions.*

Colossians 3:14 says that love “binds everything together in perfect unity.” What aspects of love do you see in today’s readings, which work together to bring about unity?

Unity, community, and right relationships all depend on (1) repentance, and (2) forgiveness between individuals. What happens in our families, or in the world, when we leave one of these two things out?

Which specific relationships do you think your Father in heaven is directing you to work toward mending?

# Day 4

March 2



*Pray / Ask for strength to bear others burdens.*

## CHRIST BEARER

In today's reading we will see how the Holy Spirit applied one of the Levitical laws to our faith.

Jesus bore the reproach of a criminal. He associated with our worst sins, was taken outside of the comfort of the city, and was crucified “outside the camp.”

Part of our calling as Christians is sharing the sufferings of Christ. He bore undeserved reproach for doing what was right, but also for associating with those who didn't—for the sake of the gospel.



*Read / Leviticus 16:27; Hebrews 13:11–14*





*Reflect / Spend some time reflecting on the following questions.*

Think about someone whom our society (or other Christians) might consider disgusting. What if you associated with them for the gospel's sake? What is it about this that makes it hard for us to do?

Regarding the scenario in the first question, with God's help, what might be the outcome of such a pursuit?

By associating with and befriending undeserving people, we in a sense bear their reproach. What specific opportunities do you see "outside the camp" for you to act on in your circle of influence—for the sake of the gospel?

# Day 5

March 3



*Pray / Ask to see who Jesus really is.*

## PERFECT

There's a scene in Mark 10:17–18 where a man runs up to Jesus, kneels before him, and addresses him as “Good Teacher.” Jesus’ comment to him is really interesting. He says, “Why do you call me good? No one is good except God alone.” This was sort of a tongue-in-cheek response by Jesus, essentially saying, “Who do you really think I am?”

The sacrifice for sin had to have no defect. From a human perspective, only God fits within that criteria.

Jesus is our Lamb without blemish—God in the flesh who deserves equal honor with the Father (John 5:23).



*Read / Leviticus 22:20–21; 1 Peter 1:19–21*



*Reflect / Spend some time reflecting on the following questions.*

In Isaiah 43:10–11, YHWH says, “I, I am the Lord, and besides me there is no savior.” What does this imply about Jesus?

Ask many people why God should “let them into heaven,” and they will say, “I’m a good person.” Do you see how your attempts at goodness never will be enough to make you acceptable God?

If you pursue repentance and God’s forgiveness through faith in His perfect work, what do you expect the outcome will be, in your life, and beyond? What if you didn’t?

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