

## I Peter 2:24-25

*Returned To The Shepherd Through What He Did On The Cross*

### I. Introduction:

- A. If you are in Christ, you know that sin separates an individual from a relationship with God (**Isaiah 59:1-3**).
1. Such a separation that even your prayers are not heard (**I Peter 3:12**).
  2. That is because God does not have fellowship with those in the darkness (**I John 1:5-6**).
- B. God made a clear statement about who can be a Savior (**Isaiah 43:11**).
1. Thus, our Savior was sent into the world (**Titus 3:3-5** and **I John 4:14**).
  2. As Gentiles (**I Peter 2:9-10**), they know how necessary it was for Jesus to come into this world (**Ephesians 2:1-17**).

II. Body: *Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed. For ye were as sheep going astray; but are now returned unto the Shepherd and Bishop of your souls" (I Peter 2:24-25).*

- A. Jesus was once offered to bear the sins of many (**Hebrews 9:28**).
1. The word translated "bare" or "bear" is also translated "offered up", "offer", and "offered" (**Hebrews 7:27**, **Hebrews 13:15**, **James 2:21**, and **I Peter 2:5**).
  2. Jesus was offered, not by force, as the sacrifice for our sins (**Ephesians 5:2**).
  3. Jesus did what sacrifices under the Law of Moses could not do (**Romans 8:1-3** and **Hebrews 10:1-18**).
  4. As prophesied, He was the sin offering (**Isaiah 53:10**).
  5. On the tree [timber] (**Acts 5:30**, **Acts 10:39**, and **Acts 13:29**).
    - a. Yes, the Bible says a cross (**John 19:19** and **Colossians 2:14**).
    - b. Why anyone argues over this is insane. Jesus was nailed (**John 20:25**) to something wooden (Strong's # 3586).
- B. For Christians to be dead to sins (**Romans 6:11**).
1. Of which we had a part in as well (**Romans 6:3-7**). *\*This is just ONE of many things we do in our part of being saved (i.e. Matthew 28:18-20).*
  2. Being dead to sin is NOT to continue to sin (**Romans 6:1-2**).
- C. To live unto righteousness (**Romans 6:13**).
1. In Christ, we are new creatures (**II Corinthians 5:17**) having had our sins forgiven (**Ephesians 1:7**, **Colossians 1:12-14**, and **I John 2:12**).
  2. Very simple - righteousness is on you after you have been made dead to sin and alive in Christ (**I John 2:29** and **I John 3:7**).
- D. Healed by His wounds (**John 19:34** and **Revelation 1:5**).
1. Peter already covered this (**I Peter 1:18-19**).

2. Jesus' blood was shed for the remission of sins (**Matthew 26:28**).
- E. "Were as" [simile] sheep going astray (cf. **Psalms 119:176**).
  1. Jesus' perspective while He was on earth (**Matthew 9:35-38**).
  2. The Shepherd's mindset towards even just one lost sheep (**Luke 15:1-7**).
- F. Returned to the Shepherd and Bishop of your soul (**I Peter 5:1-4**).
  1. We have a great shepherd (**Hebrews 13:20**).
  2. He is the good Shepherd that laid down His life for His sheep (**John 10:1-18**).

III. Conclusion: Our Next Study: *"Likewise, ye wives, be in subjection to your own husbands; that, if any obey not the word, they also may without the word be won by the conversation of the wives; While they behold your chaste conversation coupled with fear" (I Peter 3:1-2).*