

# appnotes



## DAY 1

### READ EPHESIANS 2:1-9

“For it is by works that you’ve been made right with God, so that you can have a big head.” Oh wait, that’s not what Paul says, that’s just what we’ve all thought at one time or another. We’ve all been tempted to believe that if we work harder and do better we can somehow make God love us more but Paul tells us the exact opposite. Even though we deserved to be separated from God He loved us so much that He gave us a gift—His Son, Jesus Christ. Christ took our place so we could be rescued and brought back to God. Have you accepted God’s grace—the undeserved favor He gives to us—or are you trying to perform your way back to Him?

## DAY 2

### READ JOHN 10:10-30

A good shepherd loves, cares for, and protects his sheep. A hired hand will run away when trouble comes, but not so with the shepherd. Jesus Christ died to protect us from the enemy, conquering and freeing us from our sin. He says the thief has come to steal our life, but Jesus came that we might experience life in freedom. Jesus assures us that when we place our trust in Him, and allow Him to become our shepherd, we are safe and secure. You are secure in Christ, today and always.

## DAY 3

### READ HEBREWS 10:1-14

In the days of the Old Testament, the people of Israel would take an animal sacrifice to a priest to pay for their sins. It was a beautiful picture of what God would do in the future. As the priest would stand at the altar and slay the animal, the guilt would be transferred from the guilty party onto the animal who would then be slaughtered. But Jesus made one sacrifice for our sin and then sat down next to God because His work was complete. His was a lasting sacrifice.

## DAY 4

### READ JOHN 1

John jumps right in and tells his readers all about Jesus. Jesus is life: all things were created through Him. Jesus is light: He is the light of the world that overcomes the darkness of sin. Jesus is love: the ultimate display of love is shown through His sacrifice for the sins of all mankind. Jesus is Lord: He can be trusted to provide all we need. One of the greatest truths John shares is that anyone who believes in Jesus as their Savior is a child of God, adopted into His family forever! The God who is life, light, love, and Lord invites you to be in His family.

## DAY 5

### READ 2 CORINTHIANS 5:14-21

The Gospel can be boiled down to four words: Jesus in my place. Christ was perfect and without sin. You and I, on the other hand, we were guilty of going our own way and ignoring God. Essentially, we told God, “My way is best so I’m going to do what I want.” The penalty for our rebellion was separation from God both now and for eternity, but rather than make us foot the bill, Jesus paid it. On the cross Jesus exchanged His perfection for our sin. Christ went to the cross to pay for our sins and make a way back to God. When we place our trust in Christ, God no longer sees our sin because it’s been paid in full. Instead, He sees His Son’s perfection in us. That’s good news, news that God wants us to spend our lives telling others about!

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