



a. "but now have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls"

1 PETER 2:24-25

“He himself bore our sins” in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; “by his wounds you have been healed.”²⁵ For “you were like sheep going astray,” but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

SERMON REFLECTIONS

1. How is Isaiah 53 alluded to in 1 Peter 2:24? How is 1 Peter 2:24 connected to the Old Testament sacrificial system?

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2. Why does Peter refer to the cross as “a tree” in 1 Peter 2:24? Read Deuteronomy 21:22–23 and Galatians 3:13 for help.

3. What does 1 Peter 2:24 teach about salvation and sanctification?

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4. Why are humans compared to sheep in how they stray in 1 Peter 2:25? What does this say about the natural state of humanity?

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5. How often do you think about how Jesus is the Chief Pastor and Bishop over your soul? How do these aspects of Jesus’ ministry impact how we should live?