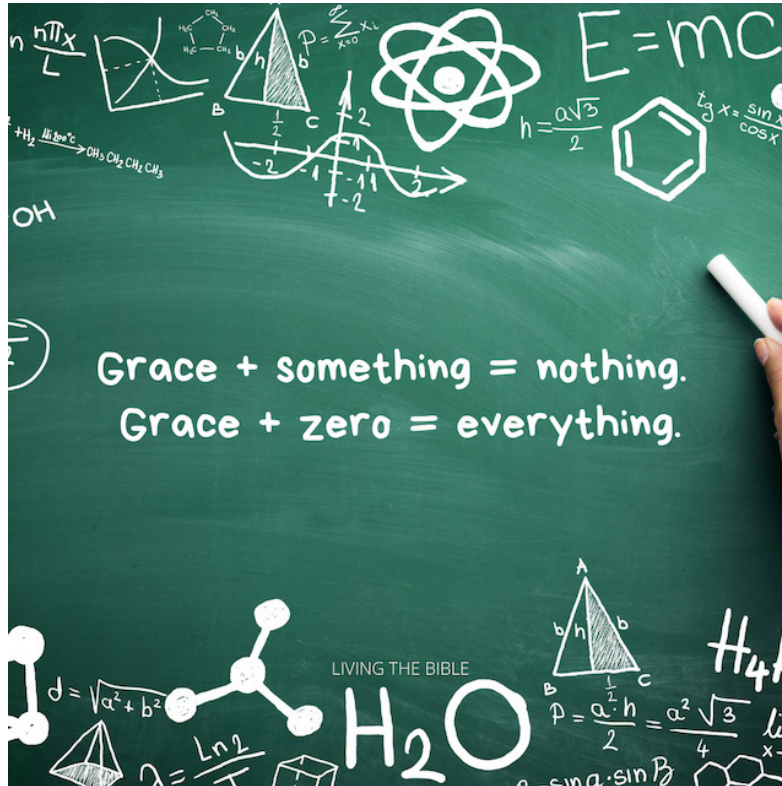


AN ANTIDOTE FOR SPIRITUAL AMNESIA

EXODUS 12



How did I forget her birthday? What man hasn't asked that question, at least once in their lives. But how about, How did I forget my salvation? It's hard to believe it's possible, but we can forget *that* God saved us, and *how* he saved us. We forget we didn't deserve saving. We forget we were saved by God. We forget the suffering required to save us. We forget to worship God

That's a serious spiritual amnesia isn't it? Let's see how God cures the Israelites amnesia in Exodus 12, so that we can improve our spiritual memories too.

- **SALVATION IS BY GRACE ALONE (1-6)**
- **SALVATION IS BY FAITH ALONE (7-11)**
- **SALVATION IS BY BLOOD ALONE (12-13)**
- **SALVATION IS FOR THE GLORY OF GOD ALONE (14)**

LEARNING

SALVATION IS BY GRACE ALONE (1-6)

Israel could not save themselves. God had to do it. God initiated salvation (1-2), designed salvation (3-5), and provided salvation (6). He re-set their calendar, so that the beginning of the year reminded them of the beginning of their salvation. His salvation blueprint was entitled 'Substitution,' saving Israel from death by a lamb dying in their place.

GRACE + SOMETHING = NOTHING.
GRACE + ZERO = EVERYTHING.

"So God starts salvation. I guess I have to complete it then?" Nope, you just receive it.

SALVATION IS BY FAITH ALONE (7-11)

Israel needed faith to receive God's salvation. They needed faith to kill the lamb, faith to sprinkle its blood around their front doors, faith to burn the lamb, faith to eat the lamb, and faith to pack up and prepare to leave Egypt. They needed faith to believe **it is the Lord's Passover** (11).

FOR SALVATION TO BE BY GRACE ALONE,
IT MUST BE RECEIVED BY FAITH ALONE.

"So we're to put our faith in blood of the lamb. Do we then do our part?" Nope.

SALVATION IS BY BLOOD ALONE (12-13)

God taught the Israelites there could be no salvation without suffering, blood, and death. **For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the Lord. The blood shall be a sign for you, on the houses where you are. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague will befall you to destroy you, when I strike the land of Egypt** (12-13).

THE LORD JUDGES THE BLOODLESS
BUT PASSES OVER THE BLOOD-COVERED

"So, we don't have a part? What does that mean for us?" It means worship.

SALVATION IS FOR THE GLORY OF GOD ALONE (14)

Why does God save in this way? So that he gets all the glory. **This day shall be for you a memorial day, and you shall keep it as a feast to the Lord; throughout your generations, as a statute forever, you shall keep it as a feast** (14). He instituted a memorial to remind Israel of his salvation and give an opportunity to celebrate his salvation. When Moses told Israel about this salvation, the people bowed their heads and worshiped (28). That's exactly where God wants us.

PLAN TO REMEMBER YOUR SALVATION,
OR YOU CAN PLAN ON FORGETTING IT.

LOVING

God has given us an even greater salvation to remember and celebrate in the New Testament. In Jesus, we see even more clearly that salvation is by grace alone, by faith alone, by blood alone, and for the glory of God alone. In the Lord's Supper, God has given us an unforgettable reminder that we are to do in remembrance of Jesus (Mark 14:22-25). Let's bow our heads and celebrate Jesus.

LIVING

Plan to remember and celebrate God's sovereign salvation forever.
