

ABIDING PEACE Connections

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Prominent People of the Bible – Moses

“He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the captives.” (Isaiah 61:1)



Money, bills, family, work, habits, these things and many more contribute to draining our lives dry and making us lose control. It is difficult when life sinks into such a deep dark dungeon. That dungeon is controlled by sin, and it seems there is no way to escape.

God's chosen people, the Israelites, fell into that dungeon of sin and became enslaved by the Egyptians. They needed a way out and God provided that way through Moses. Time after time Moses approached Pharaoh, the leader of the Egyptians, telling him to let God's people go. Time after time Pharaoh refused.

Every time that Pharaoh refused, God sent a terrible plague on the land.

After nine plagues, Moses instructed the Israelite families to sacrifice a lamb and sprinkle its blood on the doorframes of their homes. That night the Angel of the Lord flew over all the homes in Egypt. The Angel of the Lord entered every home that was not sprinkled with blood from a lamb and killed the firstborn of that home. But the Angel passed over the homes that were sprinkled with blood, and everyone inside was spared. Finally, God's people were free to go. Through the blood of the lambs the Israelites were saved.

We do not have to put the blood of a lamb on our doorframes to save us because Jesus is our Passover lamb. Jesus Christ came into the world to save us from our lives as prisoners to sin. Jesus gave his own life on the cross to take our place. Now through his blood we are saved. He sacrificed himself *once* to pay for the sins of *all people*. Because of Jesus' death and resurrection we are free at last and do not have to fear death.

Jesus' victory has won for us an eternal freedom in heaven. Jesus' rising from the dead on that first Easter morning secured the eternal resting place for us. Now the troubles and tangles of life no longer have their stranglehold on us. Jesus has removed all of our sins and has established a peaceful resting place for us in heaven. We are free because Jesus is our living Savior!

Graphic for Moses: *Burning Bush*



God kept his promises to Abraham by calling Moses (from a burning bush) to lead the Israelites to the Promised Land.

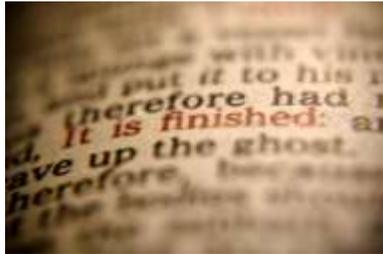
Find more information online at WhatAboutJesus.com. Look for the *What About ... Prominent People* link.

Upcoming Events at Abiding Peace

The Life of Christ is the Death of Fear

Finances. War. Cancer. Crime. Being Alone. Failure. Death. What is it for you? What keeps you up at night?

Jesus came into our often scary world and faced our biggest fears. In his resurrection, he conquered them all. United to him through faith, we can let go of all the things that scare us.



We invite you to join us at Abiding Peace this week, as we celebrate the One whose life means the death of fear.

Join Us for Worship this Easter!

Maundy Thursday, April 5

Soup Supper6:15 p.m.
Maundy Thursday Worship7:00 p.m.

Good Friday, April 6

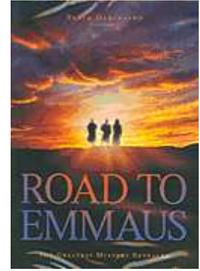
Good Friday Service of Darkness.....7:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday, April 8

Easter Festival Worship8:00 a.m.
Family Easter Breakfast9:15 a.m.
Easter Festival Worship10:30 a.m.

Free DVD Offer

Discover the meaning and hope of Easter with *Road to Emmaus*. For more information, visit www.abidingpeace.org.



Farewell to Pastor Wagner

Pastor Tim Wagner, who has been serving at Abiding Peace since February of 2007, has accepted a position as Pastor at Lamb of God Lutheran Church in Columbus, Ohio. He will preach his last sermon at Abiding Peace on Sunday, April 15. We pray for God's blessings upon him and his family, as they begin their new ministry in Columbus. A time to thank them for their years of faithful service here in Elgin will be held during our Easter Breakfast on April 8. All are invited.



Sunday Worship at Abiding Peace

8:00 a.m. Family Worship Hour
9:15 a.m. Sunday School & Bible Study Hour
10:30 a.m. Family Worship Hour

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