

## Faith Alone... and Then Some

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What We've Lost



### Passover

Exodus 12: 24 "Obey these instructions as a lasting ordinance for you and your descendants. 25 When you enter the land that the Lord will give you as he promised, observe this ceremony. 26 And when your children ask you, 'What does this ceremony mean to you?' 27 then tell them, 'It is the Passover sacrifice to the Lord, who passed over the houses of the Israelites in Egypt and spared our homes when he struck down the Egyptians."



## Sukkot

Leviticus 23: 42 Live in temporary shelters for seven days: All native-born Israelites are to live in such shelters 43 so your descendants will know that I had the Israelites live in temporary shelters when I brought them out of Egypt. I am the Lord your God."



Scape Goat

of the live goat and confess over it all the

Leviticus 16: 21 He is to lay both hands on the head wickedness and rebellion of the Israelites—all their sins—and put them on the goat's head. He shall send the goat away into the wilderness in the care of someone appointed for the task. 22 The goat will carry on itself all their sins to a remote place; and the man shall release it in the wilderness.



Lord's Supper John 6: 35 Then Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty... 53 Jesus said to them, "Very truly I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. 54 Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise them up at the last day. 55 For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink.



## Baptism

1 Corinthians 10: For I do not want you to be all passed through the sea.

## ignorant of the fact, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud and that they



### Romans

1: 17 For therein is the righteousness of God just shall live by faith. (KJV)

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# revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The



## "Justification" "facare"--to make

Justification--what happens when God, through the sacraments, make the unrighteous, righteous

## "justus"--justice; righteousness



### Greek: dikaios, dikaiosune

## "Justification"

Justification--to count as

(justitia alienum)

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## righteous; to declare as righteous

# Luther--an "alien" righteousness



## Ephesians 1:8 For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith

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### Romans

12: Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies (physical) as a living sacrifice (spiritual), holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship.

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## Physical Support for Spiritual Realities

One of their poets, Coleridge, has recorded that he did not pray "with moving lips and bended knees" but merely "composed his spirit to love" and indulged "a sense of supplication". That is exactly the sort of prayer we want; and since it bears a superficial resemblance to the prayer of silence as practiced by those

who are very far advanced in the Enemy's service, clever and lazy patients can be taken in by it for quite a long time. At the very least, they can be persuaded that the bodily position makes no difference to their prayers;

for they constantly forget, what you must always remember, that they are animals and that whatever their bodies do affects their souls. It is funny how mortals always picture us as putting things into their minds: in reality our best work is done by keeping things out. C. S. Lewis Screwtape Letters Ch. 4

Suggestions for Incorporating Physical Support for Spiritual Realities

1. Consider more "physical" expressions in your worship.



Suggestions for Incorporating Physical Support for Spiritual Realities

2. Consider having more "physical" expressions in personal devotion.

Suggestions for Incorporating Physical Support for Spiritual Realities

3. Consider "physical" rites of passage for your child's spiritual development.





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