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Building on Some Biblical Truths

"So, then those who had received his word were baptized; and there were added that day about three thousand souls," [Acts 2:41](#).

"According to the grace of God which was given to me, as a wise master builder I laid a foundation, and another is building upon it. But let each man be careful how he builds upon it," [1 Cor. 3:10](#) (NASB).

I was saved in 1959, just about 50 years ago. I still remember it well. God's conviction was strong and I needed to - had to - trust Jesus as my Savior. When I confessed my sin and my need of His love, a chorus of Angelic praise immediately rang throughout my heart.

I was baptized a week later by the Alisal Missionary Baptist Church in Salinas, Ca., and have stayed a member of one of the Lord's churches since.

Other than six months of radio school and three years of Army life that hindered spiritual growth, I have never stopped learning about His love, grace and wonderful salvation that I have in His Son, Jesus, the Christ.

Over the years, and after many great (?) Church Services, I have drawn from and built upon, a number of very good Biblical truths. One of them is "**Taken In Another**." The article is on our website, TRINITYMBC.COM, No. 185, dated 10/10/07.

The article points out many truths within the account of the life of Isaac, Abraham's son of promise. While, I could have done a better job on the article, the truth is, no matter how good (or, poorly) we do, God's finished work remains. The foundational truth will always be there for us to build upon.

What we learned in Isaac's life clearly supports Baptist truth throughout the years. Isaac was taken by "**Another**," with the ram serving as a representative of an innocent one - one without sin - chosen to die in our place.

Without question, the ram is a type of Jesus, God's Son. Further, we understand that it's not us! We can't save ourselves. And, God provides!

Even though man is certainly in sin and separated from God, "**Another**" is provided for us through His amazing grace. Rather than annihilate mankind, God's mercy provides a righteous replacement to pay for sin. He gave a ram for Isaac and, God's Son for the world.

The **TYPES** continue beyond the life of Isaac, too. "**Taken In Another**" continually takes man out of the picture, replacing him with an innocent animal, time and time again, throughout Scripture.

The "Passover Lamb" of Exodus 12 widens the scene for us. In it's coverage, the entire nation of Israel is given freedom by the blood offering, this time.

Here, as Isaac represent the son in need of salvation, so Israel represents the world, in need of the same salvation. "Taken in Another" would come to an end when Jesus, the righteous One, died on Calvary. He was and is the final Substitute for sin.

Jesus put an end of the need of "Another," because He completely satisfied God's wrath with the propitiation He accomplished in giving His blood, freely. Trusting in God's Son and knowing that our sin has been paid, His grace allows us to approach the Lord in peace.

That's the way it was in 1959, too. It's been peaceful since. However, in the life of Christ, we have to realize that we were given an offering that ever saves. We were saved when we trusted Jesus, but now it's time to build upon that eternal foundation. Our appreciation is seen in serving in the church body that Jesus established during His personal ministry.

Without question, just as Jesus lives today, He remains Head of the church that He started some two thousand years ago. "**Behold,**" He said, "**I am with you always, even to the end of the age,**" Matthew 28:20.

By serving the Father in "Another," we learn that it has never been us that pleases God. It is only the Son that we saved by and, it is only the Son that we are blessed to serve in and through; for, He is the "Another" that we were "Taken In."