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Welcome

“Happy Easter”

Welcome to the April Issue of Discipleship. We celebrate the risen Christ, Jesus! Celebrate! Celebrate! Celebrate! Most of you know that through Christ’s resurrection you are given the power of the Holy Spirit, forgiveness of sins and your progressive sanctification.

We realize, and know that current circumstances cause those truths to be distorted, lured, and even lost. Remember Christ’s words, “This world is not your home”. You are an eternal being. You were before you arrived here and you will live in your resurrected body once gone from this realm.

Yet, we struggle, thinking this is it and my circumstances dictate my faith. So if you are on a mountain top celebrate that experience. But always recall Christ in the shades of our valleys too.

Spend more time in praising the Lord on your own in your prayer closet. Grow in this daily exercise, and surrender all to Him. Become wedded to Christ. For He is the pole star, the north star, and your forever rock of salvation.

Easter is the most important event that separates us from all faiths.

Jesus Christ, is His son in who God is well pleased. And while He loves you, know the God incarnate shed His and blood for you and all that believe. Try to move this truth from your intellect, your mind, into your heart. Allow your faith to be a moving experience. This is what our world needs. Deepen your resolve to overcome this world and truly make a difference.

Grow in understanding to be “kingdom” minded and “kingdom” moving. Press into Jesus, press into devotion, confession, repentance, and prayer. Press in my Friend!

Jesus is calling us, “I want to use you, abandon all & follow me. So many need to rest in the Love I give, I yearn to use you, yes you! I am calling you. Can you not hear me! Be blessed and follow me!”

So on this Easter Arise! Arise! And celebrate Jesus’s victory over death, sin, and this world!

Be Blessed and Happy Easter!



The 2022 Scripture:

“But those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength. They shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not grow weary, they shall walk and not faint.”

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The Sermons of Richard W. Braman



We explore several messages given through the years from RWB. Easter was always a very special season and day with the Braman Family. We can look back and be very grateful for being raised in a solid Christian home.

Especially Easter, we were able to celebrate, and celebrate we did! Richard often would comment that Easter is the single most significant event for our faith. And so enjoy these sermons that seem to defy time. Jesus is, Jesus was, and Jesus will ever be.

Happy Easter!

An Excerpt from RWB Sermons

“Why are you troubled, and why do questions arise in your hearts? See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself; handle me and see; for a spirit has not flesh and bones as you see that I have.”

We can understand their feelings; have we not had experiences that were too good to be true? This is the beginning of the joy of the Resurrection. Possession of truth and the experience of liberty are the precursors of joy. Is not joy itself a rather Christian word?

The Resurrection Gospel

*“Bless it be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!
By his great mercy we have been born anew to a living
hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the
dead.”*

- 1 Peter 1:3

When we open the New Testament, we are reading what has been written by men who knew what they were talking about. There rings through the New Testament a confident authentic “I know.” His confident, “I know” can be heard in the words of Jesus. This same certainty sounds through the writings of the Apostle Paul. The first epistle of Peter vividly illustrates the truth. Behind it lies the assurance of a man who had lived with Jesus and witnessed the events of his life and death. He knew what he was talking about and his own transformed life corroborated what he said.

First of all, there is one thing perfectly clear about the Christian Gospel - it is the message of the Resurrection. That message is the heart of the Gospel. The Resurrection is not an appendage to the Gospel, it is its essence. It is not an afterthought; it is the main theme. Without the resurrection there would be no purpose to living or to our lives. The main theme and whole objective of Jesus Christ is the Resurrection.

A saintly Indian Bishop Azanib of Dornakal was once asked, “If you were in a village where they had never heard of Christ, what would you preach about?” Unhesitant, he replied, “the

Resurrection.” The heart of the Gospel is in these words, “He is Risen.” Some of the Hebrew responses in the “Jewish Union Prayer Book”, used week by week in temple worship by our Jewish friends, are arranged phonetically in English, so that worshippers who do not understand Hebrew can speak or sing the words with correct Hebrew pronunciation. Thus, while they use the words, they do not understand what they’re actually saying. I have often thought that in the great Easter hymns and readings, many of us are in a similar position of using the words without really understanding what we are saying. Until we know what the Resurrection actually means in the Christian faith and for us personally, we will miss the greatest assurance that God has given us.

Second, the challenge of scientific discovery has been met by a scientific study of the documents, the history, the cultural background of the Bible; and as a result of that inquiry the fact of the Resurrection is established. The form, the nature of it, remains a mystery, but the fact is beyond doubt. It is this fact which lifted his followers out of despair and transformed them into courageous messengers of the gospel who were prepared to die rather than deny what they had seen and known. It was this

experience which converted Saint Paul. It was the fact which the authorities in Jerusalem could not deny; they would certainly have done so if they had been able. It was this fact that brought the Christian Church into being. It is this fact that can change our lives and give our living meaning and purpose. But this fact, however, is no isolated peek in the panorama of history. It is not just a luminous bubble on the ocean of time. It is not one flash in the darkness of existence which has made the darkness even deeper. This is the fact that gives meaning to history, and to life. The Resurrection means that our world, our lives, are in the hands of God.

Put it another way: it means that we understand our world, our lives, only when we acknowledge that we are subject to God's will and purpose. If in the end we succeed in destroying ourselves, that will not be proof that God does not exist, or if he exists, he doesn't care. It is the consequences of our proud and vain attempts to do without him or ignore him. God raised Christ from the dead. In that fact is our hope. In denying it or ignoring it, we bring ourselves to judgment and condemnation.

Henry Sloane Coffin said that every man needs two things: a home and a horizon. This is a true picture of our basic needs and reveals a rare understanding of our fundamental nature. And if perchance our lives are with either one of them, our souls are impoverished. We need a home. Within our little homes here on earth, we need more and more awareness of the Eternal Home. We need a horizon along with the home.

What is a horizon? Is it not another word for hope? A road without a horizon is a hopeless thing, a deadend alley. A day without a horizon is a day without hope, a meaningless, time bound thing. A life

without a horizon is no longer a life, it is no more than mere existence. That is the glory of earth for one who believes. God has given us a home and a horizon.

Sometimes in the advertising columns of the newspapers are seen notices inserted by lawyers, inviting certain persons to inquire at the lawyer's office, "when they will hear something to their advantage." I have often wondered whether such announcements meet with response. How many inheritances are there unclaimed? It is sad to think that there are people struggling along in poverty because they have not learned that a fortune is theirs for the asking. So, this day returns with its good news - there is no need to go stumbling on in our own strength, hoping against hope, striving yet defeated again and again by evil. Here is certainty, assurance, victory, an inheritance which can be ours for the asking. Yes, Jesus Christ is just waiting for us to ask him for the guidance and direction we need in our lives. All we have to do is to ask.

Fourth, the Resurrection means that evil has been defeated. In that perpetual conflict which goes on in the arena of history between good and evil, righteousness and unrighteousness, truth and falsehood, we have seen that the last word is with God. In every great contest there comes a turning point, where one contestant or another comes the assurance of victory. The contest may continue, its end may not be in sight, but its issue is settled. That's what the Resurrection means. The issue is settled - the last word is not with evil, with darkness, with death. The last word is with God. The Cross would have been the end but then Easter came, and Christ arose from the dead and conquered death. Many times, in our lives it looks as though evil has the upper hand and that it does not pay to be good, to

be trustworthy and true but then we remember what happened to our Lord and we realized that evil and falsehood will never win.

Fifth, the significance of the Resurrection lies, too, in its message that the power which raised Christ from the dead is available here and now. We may live in the power of the Resurrection. Here and now, it is remaking men and women, giving new purpose, power and point to their lives. When the apostles preached the Resurrection, they could point to evidence in their own lives. The same is true now. It is in fact happening Wherever there is a Christian community there are to be found men and women living in that power; there are to be found men in women whose lives are being transformed by it.

It is possible to produce evidence gleaned from all over the world to illustrate the truth. The best evidence of the truth of the Resurrection is the change that came on the disciples. Modern astronomers do not look at the stars directly. They study them in the mirrors within their telescope. We cannot see the glory of the risen Christ by direct vision. But we can see him reflected in the spirit and the lives of the disciples. Before he rose, they were a little bunch of frightened men, heartbroken and hopeless, huddled together behind closed doors. But in a flash, as it seemed, they are not in the world, whispering to their friends the amazing news, and later on with all fear gone they are shouting the truth in the face of their enemies and in the open street.

We may have the power of Christ, here and now. The promise of the Resurrection is not only for some distant heaven. The promise of the Resurrection is here and now - that we may have the Holy Spirit, the Comforter, as our

present possessions. We may be drawn by him into an ever-deeper relationship with God and an ever more satisfying relationship with one another. So that our life begins already to partake of the quality of eternity.

Beset as we are by imperfections and tensions, we may nonetheless live in the midst of this present world a kind of life that belongs to eternity. Death will merely be an incident, as we shall pass into a perfect expression of the life which God has already given us. And if perchance you who are listening are at the point where you have given up hope for your world or for yourselves, be sure of this - that he who raised Christ from the dead is not going to be baffled or defeated by your despair or its cause. He can bring you to birth again with a living hope and lead you into an inheritance which is incorruptible and passeth not away.

The promise of the New Testament is that we can increase in our knowledge and love of God here and now. We can go on from strength to strength even now. We may dare to believe with John Wesley that we can go on to perfection. The new life has now begun through the power and presence of the Holy Spirit. And we live in the glorious hope that we shall go on from strength to strength in the life of perfect service in God's eternal Kingdom. This is our faith which gives hope; And it is by this hope that we live. Jesus Christ has truly risen!

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BFC Thanksgiving Greetings

Thanksgiving
2 Corinthians 8:9 For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sake He became poor, so that you by His poverty might become rich.

It is a Christmas Eve when we think about what our definition of the word rich is. Surely our Lord did not tell you His life as we might be rich in order of knowledge or money, not in safety or security. They and our God did not live a life of safety and security as He continually placed Himself in harm's way to do the work of His heavenly Father. How was He thankful for the gift, knowing that His 12 disciples would be with His Father in heaven. If you count your riches by who and how many love you it will tell all about the riches from our heavenly Father. He loves you and speaks the word of Christ for you and for all.

Thankful to the Lord for His sacrifice.

Thankful:
Thankful the Lord does not give us what we deserve! He does however give us everything we need. When we live in the knowledge of need we acknowledge all the Lord has given us, and we are **Thankful**.

Gratitude:
Gratitude is an act of faith - especially in the midst of life's challenges. Thank the Lord regardless of our circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Jesus. **4 Thessalonians 5:18**
God's will is that we always praise, when we cannot see it and He promises never to leave us. As we seek for His Kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will given to you as well. **Matthew 6: 33-35.**

Thankfulness Leads to Witnessing Psalm 92:
I will give thanks to you Lord, with all my heart, I will tell of all your wonderful deeds. When you cultivate a spirit of thankfulness, it will spill over into your relationships. When others see you thank God for His love in difficult situations/circumstances, they will begin to wonder why?
You need not even speak the words of praise and thanksgiving - you need only to be an living example of kindness, love, and forgiveness as a Christ-like life.

Philippians 4:5-7
Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and prayer, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God and the peace of God, who is transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Jesus Christ.

An Inspirational Quotation
"And whatever you do, whether in word or in deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him"
Colossians 3:17

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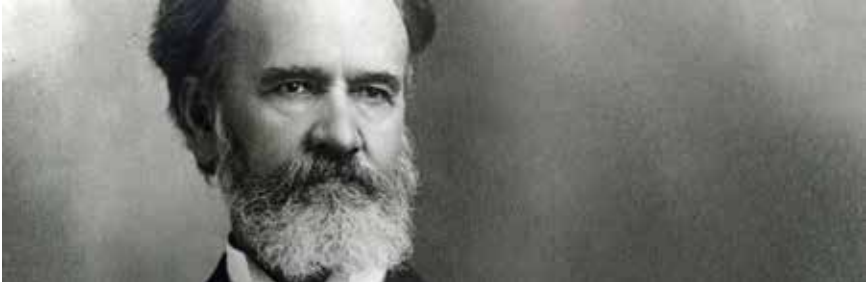
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“And whatever you do in words and deeds do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks and a grateful heart to God”

Colossians 6:17

A Daily Devotional

By A.B. Simpson, Founder of C and MA Church



“If ye then be risen”

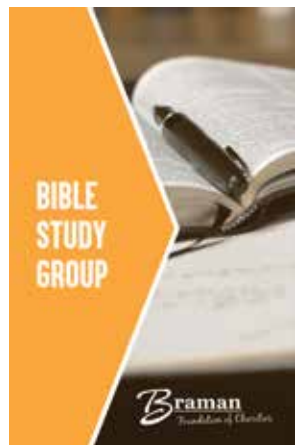
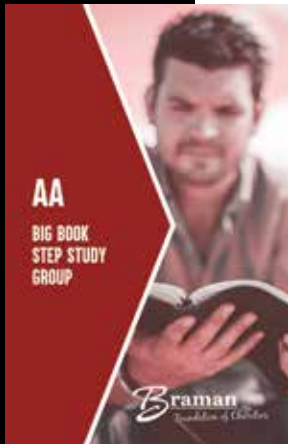
-Colossians 3:1

God is waiting today to mark the opening hours, for every ready and willing heart, with a touch of life and power that will lift us to higher pleasures and offer to our vision grander horizons of hope and holy service.

We shall not need to look far to discover our risen Lord. He was in advance even of the earliest seeker that Easter morning, and He will be waiting for us before the break of day with His glad “All hail” if we only have eyes to see and hearts to welcome and obey Him.

What is His message to us this springtime? If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God (Colossians 3:1, 3).

It is not just risen with Christ, but resurrected. It is not rising a little higher in the old life, but it is rising from the dead. The resurrection will mean no more than the death has meant. Only so far as we are really dead shall we live with Him.



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Discipleship

Every Tuesday, 6:30pm - 8:00pm

In the BFC Defined Discipleship Training literature, we examine the state of the church in America today. We spend time with the teachings of the great writings of: A.W Tozer, Thomas A Kempis, & A.B Simpson. There is time spent on the effects of Christ centered meditation, its scriptures and the significance of purifying the ego. We discuss regeneration, salvation, daily repentance and coming into a closer relationship with our creator. Finally we speak on a lifetime of devotion to God and Christ. Recommit your life as a Christ follower and continue your journey.

Worship Service

Every Thursday, 7:00pm - 8:00pm

Starting in September 2021, our worship service is a time to meet to praise, worship, pray to God and receive a teaching (sermon) based on the Bible along with a weekly communion.

Bible Study

Every Friday, 6:00pm - 7:00pm

Joining a small group is the best way to experience the incredible community here at BFC.

Healing & Restoration

Every Sunday, 7:00pm - 8:00pm

As a brief history, we will explore the program of Alcoholics Anonymous. Founded in June, 1935 the A.A. Program has helped millions recover from alcoholism. The essence and the backbone of the Program is the 12 Step Method. Healing & Restoration not only uses the 12 steps in a Christ centered format, it teaches CBT, meditation and has a focus on the body with nutrition and exercise.

AA Meetings

Big Book Step Study Every Saturday, 7:00pm - 8:00pm

12 Step Women's Group Every Wednesday, 7:00pm - 8:00pm

Big Book Step Study Every Thursday, 7:30pm - 9:00pm

The purpose of this meeting is to help alcoholics fully recover by the studying, discussing, and practicing of the twelve steps as they are laid out in the Big Book. It has been our hard-learned experience that other methods did not work with us. Some of us have tried other methods and our results were disastrous, until we looked at the basic and simple approach the Big Book offers.

The Good News of Easter

“Mary Magdalene went and said to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord.”

- John 20:18

From that day to this, the Resurrection of Jesus has been told and heard as Good News. We are well aware that some people disbelieve in it. No man or woman claimed to be a witness of the event. They did see the empty tomb, as we read in our Scripture lesson this morning, and they saw the living Christ also. They bore witness to the Resurrection, if not of the Resurrection.

The Good News of Easter was passed on from disciple to disciple, from generation to generation, until it reaches us at this very hour. What difference does it make? It makes a difference in the life I now may live. Consider these words: “the life I now may live.” The word “I”, each person present is asked to take the word upon himself. The word “may” expresses possibility: I may live does not mean that I am living or will live in a certain manner; no, only that it is possible for me so to live. ‘Now’ means more than it seems to say: let it mean now in the sense of after the first Easter; I am living after that event. “Life” is something we cannot and do not try to define; we just live it.

There is new and eternal significance to our “now”. For the serious Christian

(all of us had better start being serious about our Christ) today there must be withdrawal to the place where Christ meets with those who believe in the quiet of our hearts, at Holy Communion, in the worship of the church. It is there that we can realize afresh the startling fact-not just that once upon a time Jesus rose from the dead, but that he is really alive now. This can often be the forgotten factor in our Easter celebration. Our message is not just that “he rose”, but that “he is risen.” This is what we know again as saving truth in the quiet place, the garden, the sanctuary. Our sermon this morning is concerned with possible experience now.

First of all – The Good News of Easter is that I now may live in the “truth” of the Resurrection of Christ. That’s what the disciples did. We know from the Scriptures that Thomas doubted for a time, but he was finally convinced. Living in the truth, they gave it a sort of pragmatic test. It was a truth that worked, as we say. The disciples of Jesus went out and bore witness to the Resurrection. It was convincing to many and it not only changed men’s minds, but their lives; bad men became good, weak men became strong, ordinary men became great. The

message of the Resurrection produced a church; the church produced the New Testament. The influence of the New Testament in the world is immeasurable. By the acceptance of the Easter Gospel millions at this hour live in the truth of the Resurrection. Yes, we certainly can live in the truth of the Resurrection. We can read in the Bible how this truth changed men's lives. We can see people around us whose lives have been changed – because of the truth of the Resurrection. Each of our lives can be changed if we accept the truth. Actually accept it in our hearts which is more than saying it with our lips.

Second, the Good News of Easter is that I now may live in the liberty of the Resurrection. The stone was rolled away from the tomb setting the Master free. The living Christ unlocked the doors of the Upper Room where the disciples were crouched in fear. Since that day, freedom from the law (Paul's experience), freedom from death as a blind alley, have been the experience of Christ's followers. Wherever the Easter Gospel has been heard and accepted, there is love of freedom. Prisons have been unable to hold the spirits of men. Error has been unable to shackle their minds. Races and nations have refused to bow to tyranny. Not even death can capture or stop us when we really believe in the resurrection of our Lord. Death is not the end, but the beginning of an entirely new and wonderful relationship with our Lord. The Easter story really sets us free and gives us real liberty and freedom.

Sir Wilfred Grenfell, the physician

who spent his life in the services of the Labrador fishermen, wrote, "It has been my lot in life to stand by many death beds and to be called in to dying men and women almost as a routine of my profession. Yet I am increasingly convinced that they never die at all. I am sure that there is not real death. Eternal life is the compliment of my unsatisfied ideals. And experience teaches me that belief in it is a greater incentive to be useful and good than anything I know." This is our reward, the promise of eternal and everlasting life with Our Father.

Third, the Good News of Easter is that I now may live in the joy of the Resurrection. Luke gives us an interesting insight into the disciple's experience when Christ appeared to them in the Upper Room. In Luke 24:36-41, we read, "As they were saying this, Jesus himself stood among them. But they were startled and frightened and supposed that they saw a spirit. And he said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do questions arise in your hearts? See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself; handle me and see; for a spirit has not flesh and bones as you see that I have." And while they still disbelieved for joy, and wondered, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?"

We can understand their feelings; have we not had experiences that were too good to be true? This is the beginning of the joy of the Resurrection. Possession of truth and the experience of liberty are the precursors of joy. Is not joy itself a rather Christian word? The news of Easter is that the road we travel is not a blind alley; we are on the open highway,

with direction known and meaningful destination. We are on the way. We sing as we go. Being a Christian and living a Christ-like life is the only road for us to follow, the only road for us to be on. It definitely is not a blind alley; for this road leads to our Lord. This is what the Easter story is telling and showing us.

Fourth, the Good News of Easter is that I now may live in the power of the Resurrection. Philippians 3:10 reads, "That I may know him in the power of his Resurrection". The Resurrection has power to change what we might call the quantity of life. The mortal puts on immortality. This life puts an eternity. Life becomes wider in scope and deeper in meaning. Earth reaches to heaven. The quality of life is changed also. Life becomes hopeful, happy, holy. Real hope would die with the belief that the souls of all who have ever lived have forever perished; that now all whom we now love, with ourselves, shall likewise pass into oblivion. Happiness might sometimes be the experience of a moment or a day, but not the quality of life's living. Who would be brave enough and enduring enough, without hope of eternity, to purify himself and achieve high character? 1 John 3:3 reads; "And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure." The power of the resurrection becomes like life-blood coursing through one's arteries and bringing true joy and happiness.

Fifth, the Good News of Easter is that I now may live in the hope of the Resurrection. The power merges into the hope. By hope the life merges into life eternal. Life is no longer temporary,

it is permanent. The love and grace of God become permanent. We claim all internal things to be ours now, because we are Christ's and Christ is God's. The resurrection validates all Christ promises and by that also validates our hopes.

Sixth, the Good News of Easter is that I now may live in the victory of the Resurrection. Of course, we are not thinking of any little petty victories upon which we humans may pride ourselves. This is a victory over the sin that drives crucifying nails into a mans hands and feet; a victory over death that buries a man in the earth and rolls a stone before the tomb. "Sin be not proud! Death be not proud"! Jesus Christ conquers! Christ is risen!

When Doctor A.J. Gordon, for many years, the beloved pastor of Clarendon Street Baptist Church of Boston, lay on his sick bed, his physician entered his room one afternoon with the words, "Doctor, have you a word for us today?" To which the radiant Christian, knowing full well that he was not long for this world, made reply, "Yes - Victory!" That is the word with which we professed followers of the Risen Lord should greet each other, not only on Easter day, but on every day. Victory! The word peels like above through the entire New Testament. "Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."

Again, not our victory! Not victory achieved! Victory is a gift of God wrought out for us by Jesus Christ. By our own victories we might become little conquerors: by his victories we are more

than conquerors. We “have become absolutely convinced that neither death nor life, neither messenger of Heaven nor monarch of earth, neither what happens today nor what may happen tomorrow, neither a power from on high nor a power from below, nor anything else in God’s whole world has any power to separate us from the love of God in Jesus Christ our Lord.” If there is anything in the universe that will make men equal to the challenge of this hour in history, it is the same conviction that gripped the early Christians. Christ is not dead, he is alive; And over him death has no dominion. And regardless of the many claims today that God is dead. All Christians everywhere can testify to the fact that he is very much alive. In the truth, the liberty, the joy, the power, the hope and the victory of the Resurrection of Christ you and I may live. Don’t you wish you could? It is possible. You can if you will. Easter is God’s call and challenge to live, even as springtime challenges the seed to burst the bonds of its imprisonment. “Because I live, you shall live also,” said Jesus. Could it be that we are afraid to live? Accept Jesus Christ as your personal Lord and Savior and start living a life with meaning and purpose, a life of joy and happiness, a life so full that it will overflow and touch the lives of those around you. The Easter story is the message of life and the living Christ that can live in you now.



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Friday

YOU ARE MADE RIGHTEOUS THROUGH CHRIS

*"For He hath made Him to be sin for us,
who knew no sin; that we might be made
the righteousness of God in Him."*

– 2 Corinthians 5:21

My Friend, my believer in Christ!!!
Why do you struggle in your salvation so? Look to the perfected Lord for He came here to declare you whole, righteous and clean. Christ took on your sin, that because you believe, you are made sinless. Go to a deeper understanding of this truth. Meditate upon this passage. Increase your confession and release the sin nature that is exposed to you through the Holy Spirit. Do you hold unto unconfessed sin? Do you not understand that through the fall of Adam you have taken on sin? That through the final act of Christ's sacrifice you are made sinless? For you are complete in Him not on your own. Christian rejoice in this truth. Let Thy heart rejoice!!! For today is the day the Lord has made!!!!!! Today you are free!!!! Free indeed!!!

April 2, 2022

Saturday

CHRIST PREPARES FOR HIS DEMISE

“behold an hour is coming and has already come, for you to be scattered, each to his own home, and to leave me alone because the Father is with me.”

– John 16:32

Father God has revealed within Christ His true divinity; Jesus understood He was to go to the cross from all humanity. Preparing for this journey He reveals to his inner most disciples this truth, yet only 3 were to be near him when He was arrested. What are you doing this Easter season to prepare for the Lord’s Death and Resurrection? This is the single most important season of the calendar in your walk with Christ. Reflect, slow down, be grateful for what God has done through His son, that you have been washed clean from this sole act of the Son of God, the king of kings.

April 3, 2022

Sunday

THE LORD CHRIST CAME FOR US ALL

“And now the Lord Speaks The one who formed me in my mother’s womb to be his servant, who commissioned me to bring Israel back to him, the Lord has honored me and my God has given me strength. He says,” You will do more than restore the people of Israel to me. I will make you a light to gentiles and you will bring my salvation to the end of the earth.

– Isaiah 49:5

My friend you see Christ has come for us all. It is true, whether Jew, Muslim, Hindu, atheist or agnostic Christ has come for us all. Christ is the perfect embodiment of God’s love. Christ is God incarnate here on earth. Learn to bow down to Him in love, in obedience and joy. The King of Kings waits for you. He has come to give you a way out of the bondage of this world. Follow Him!!!



April 4, 2022

Monday

BE STRONG IN THE NEW YEAR

"Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or discouraged for the Lord Thy God is with you wherever you."

– Joshua 1:9

You may be called to a specific task to preform this year, yet you think that is crazy. I can not do that!!! Press in my friend and allow God to work in the impossible. For what may seem impossible in the natural is possible in God; for God makes possible in the super natural. Therefore, press in my friend and see how God works!!! Try not to put limitations in your circumstances. Rather move on ward knowing God is with you!!!

April 5, 2022

Tuesday

THE LORD IS YOUR HELPER

" Thus far the Lord has helped us"

– 1 Samuel 7:12

As you reflect on your year and make plans for the new year search and be reminded that the Lord has been with you, working for you, opening doors, closing doors. In temptation, in sorrow, in shame, in victory, in the highs and in the lows the Lord is with you, protecting you to the extent that you are obedient to His calling on your life and you have pressed in to His ways for you. The Lord seeks more of you. The Lord wants all of you. The Lord yearns to build His Kingdom through you. Do not doubt; rather press into deeper repentance, deeper communion with the Lord. Do not stop until you hear: I and my Father are one. Good and faithful servant tarry on !!!!! I am well pleased!!



April 6, 2022

Wednesday

CHRIST CAME AS A WAY OUT OF DARKNESS

“Do not think I came to bring peace on earth; I did not come to bring peace but a sword. For I came to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; and a man’s enemies will be the members of his household. He who loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me and he who loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me.”

– Matthew 10:34-35

Christ is explaining to His disciples that you can not love the darkness and the light at the same time. For you will hate the one and love the other and visa-versa. Therefore, one must renounce relationships that are grounded in darkness and follow the light. One must be the light as Christ is the light. It is of no value to seek or hold onto relationships that are grounded in this world that are dark and full of sin. At some point you must make a decision to move on with your life in Christ. It is as if you are playing God with these worldly relationships. God is in control of each soul's salvation not you.

April 7, 2022

Thursday

CHRIST NOW LIVES IN YOU

“I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me, and delivered Himself up for me.”

– Galatians 2:20

Paul has committed himself 100% to Christ. Paul is sold out to the Lord and building His kingdom.” I and my Father are one.” Christ also has said this. One in the same. AND TO: “The works that I do you shall do and greater works than these shall you do.” Again, this is Christ talking to His disciples. So, you can read by the above scriptures that more refinement is needed. More renunciation of self, of desires of the flesh, pride of life, and lust of the eyes is needed. You are saved, sanctified, and justified with Christ. However, are you one with Christ? Can you say I and my Father are one OR I have been crucified with Christ? This is possible in this life. Pray about this attainment. Listen to what you hear.



April 8, 2022

Friday

WE ARE CALLED TO BE SAINTS

“To all our beloved of God in Rome, called as saints; Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.”

– Romans 1:7

A saint is a sinner that never gave up. Many believe that the saints of old just somehow became saints, that they were chosen that way. Think of their lives: Paul murdered Christians, Moses murdered an Egyptian, David murdered his general to have relations with the man’s wife. Yet look how the Lord used them. Moses wrote the first five books in the bible, Paul wrote two thirds of the New Testament and David wrote many of The Psalms. You must understand that while it is through Grace that we are saved and much of our work is through grace there needs to be effort on our part. A daily repentance of learning that our self must be destroyed as we put on the new man. This work is not done in a church, a bible study or a 12-step group. This is done alone with the Lord. Days, weeks, years asking: “Lord reveal to me the sin nature that shuts me off from Thee?” Listen and He will show you. Be prepared!! Know that the Love of God, the love of your neighbor and the love of ones’ self-growing in the realization of this love is the indication that you are on the right track. Keep striving.

April 9, 2022

Saturday

AN EVERLASTING COVENANT

“Truly is not my house so with God? For He has made an everlasting covenant with me, ordered all things, and has secured my salvation and all my desire, will He not in deed make it grow?”

– 2 Samuel 23:5

“My covenant I will not break, nor altar I shall not lie to David and his descendants shall endure forever.”

– Psalm 89:34

Rest assured the God of Abraham, Issac and Jacob shall not let you go. You have made an everlasting covenant with God when you accepted Christ in your life. For you are adopted though you are not of Jewish descent. As adopted you have certain rights in which you are ever protected and given the desires of your heart. Therefore, do not fret, be afraid Nor be apprehensive for you truly are a son of the most living God, made in His image and are forever protected. Commit your plans before the Lord and be of peace resting in the knowledge that He that is master of this universe has made a covenant with you. Praise God!!



April 10, 2022

Sunday

GOD'S LOVE IS EVERLASTING

"I have loved you with an everlasting love. Therefore, I have drawn you with loving-kindness."

– Jeremiah 31:3

God's love for you is not possible to describe in words. If you were to witness the love of a mother for the new born child you still would not have any idea. However, this love has no conditions. Even sin can not end the love the Lord has for you. Sin shuts us from God, yet God is ever present, always waiting for our return. Yet we do not identify with His love; instead we identify with our current circumstances, or past hurts, or abuse. I must learn to go beyond the mundane to the realm of the Holy Spirit and learn to reside there in peace, love and contentment. This is our true nature in Christ.

April 11, 2022

Monday

THE LORD IS IN CONTROL

"The lot is cast into the lap; but the whole disposing thereof is the Lord"

– Proverbs 16:33

The idea that somehow you are in control of your life must be smashed. Oh the plans of man? Do you not know that the Lord knows of every sparrow that falls to the earth? Is not your life more important? You need not fret. Have you committed all your plans before the Lord? Then your worry is meddling in God's business. You are to be obedient and carry out His will in your life. Do not fret, be anxious or worry. Be wise and be attentive to obedience and all will be well. Seek ye first His Kingdom. Cast all your burdens upon the Lord.



April 12, 2022

Tuesday

BE MATURE IN YOUR THINKING

“Do not be children in your thinking; but be babes in evil and in thinking be mature.”

– 1 Corinthians 14:20

Paul is asking us do not be self deceived. If you have been baptized by the Holy SPIRIT then your thinking will be more like CHRIST and less dark. So ask yourself, “Is my most inner thoughts manifesting the fruits of the spirit as in Galatians 5:22?” “You will know as this is a question between you and God. Do not fool yourself but be of sound mind. Then will be on this spiritual path and your regeneration shall deepen.

April 13, 2022

Wednesday

GO FROM STRENGTH TO STRENGTH

“We go from strength to strength.”

– Psalm: 84: 7

Allow the Holy Spirit to guide you and be your strength. Come to depend upon this guide. An inner guidance that grows within. You will not grow weary as you grow in your faith.” But those who trust in the Lord will find new strength. They will soar high on wings like eagles. They will run and not grow weary. They will walk and not faint. Go deeper in your walk and never stop.



April 14, 2022

Thursday

GOD IS YOUR SHELTER

“But he that listens to me shall live securely and shall be at ease from the dread of evil.”

– Proverbs 1:33

God’s people are safe. Regardless of what you see or hear in this world you are safe. The world may be shaking, the world may be at war, yet the believer shall be as in the calmest hour of rest. If this this earth becomes too hot for you to bear, then heaven awaits you. As you hear rumors of war and see the images of unrest let no agitation distress you; rather be silent from fear of evil. Be confident that as a child of God you have been adopted into a Royal Priesthood that will always be your shelter of the Most High. Go forth with the plans that are the seeds planted in your heart, knowing that God is was and shall always be.

April 15, 2022

Friday

GOD IS EVERLASTING

“His ways are everlasting”

– Habakkuk 3:6

Remember God’s ways are today forever and the same. He the same yesterday, today and for ever. And in Him the Lord is forever gracious to His people. He orders all things according to His counsel. God is in charge regardless of world events or your personal circumstances. This will never be diminished. Therefore, go the Throne of Grace with all your self and lay it all down at the foot of Christ’s cross. There is where He will meet you and you will grow in knowledge and understanding that it truly is your Father’s world. Now be at peace and carry out his commandments: “ To love the Lord with all your heart, your mind and your soul and the second is the same to love your neighbor as you love yourself.”



April 16, 2022

Saturday

MOVE FORWARD IN YOUR PLANS

“Go then eat your bread in happiness, and drink your wine with a cheerful heart; for God has already approved your works. Let your clothes be white all the time, and let not oil be lacking on your head.

– Ecclesiastes 9:7-8

Why do you doubt so much as to whether or not you should move forward with your plans? The plans are grounded in serving others and circumstances are in place then move forward. Work with a cheerful heart and go upward knowing that your crooked paths have been straightened. Your heart is right and your motives pure to serve; then move forward. Do not delay, rather go on in joy, in love, in gladness knowing that He that presides over us all is in charge.

April 17, 2022

Sunday

GOD PROTECTS THE LOWLY

“God has chosen the foolish things of the world to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to shame the things which are strong, and the base things of the world and the despised, God has chosen, the things that are not that He may nullify the things that are, that no man should boast before God.”

– 1 Corinthians 1:27

God uses those people and situations to make his point. That no man can boast that before God look what I did. It is the broken that He moved: Saul that became Paul, King David the weakest of his siblings, Moses an orphan and all were murders. Yet God used them mightily. The same is today. You can not decide to move God in a direction for God can not be mocked. Remember we are the God of Abraham, Issac and Jacob. This creation is His, God is in control. We are here today and gone tomorrow. We are mere puppets on the string of God’s Creation. Yield to what the Holy Spirit is seeking through you. We know we are to love God, love our neighbors and to love ourselves for this is His great commandment.

April 18, 2022

Monday

DO NOT BE DECEIVED

“For if anyone thinks he is something when he is nothing he deceives himself.”

– Galatians 6:3

There ought to be an understanding that He that is in me is greater than he in this world. That the more the I in He is the I in me is to the extent that the works that I do are simply directed through the Holy Spirit. The idea that I am some how something when my life is directed through the Holy Spirit must be reduced. There needs to be an acknowledgement that He that is in me is truly the Holy Spirit and is responsible for all good things. To think that I can be good, can be lovely, can overcome sin in my own strength must be lessened and snuffed out. This is the great fact that through regeneration we are more and more like Christ. We are shedding this “old self” daily. This is our struggle as believers in this fallen world. Press in to your higher calling in Christ Jesus.

April 19, 2022

Tuesday

ASK!

“Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you shall find knock and the door shall be opened.”

– Matthew 7:7

My friend, please ask for you have not because you ask not!!! Do you not understand that God is on your side. That God yearns to give you the desires of your heart. Therefore, seek and you shall find!!! Ask my friend ask!!! For what kind of a parent would give to its child a rock or a serpent when that child asks for love? Do you not understand? You do not believe deep in your heart that God wants to supply ALL your needs. So go deeper, ask more earnestly and do not doubt!!!



April 20, 2022

Wednesday

PRAY

"Brethren pray for us"

– 1 Thessalonians 5:25

My fellow brothers and sisters we ask that you pray for the Braman Foundation. Pray that our volunteers grow in the knowledge of Christ and that each of us continues to unfold through our sanctification. Pray that we grow in repentance. Especially pray that the Lord's work in which we have been entrusted expand to His will. We ask that you pray that the Braman Foundation, as it expands, will serve the Lord and the people in greater love. A deeper love and commitment to righteousness. Please pray for us. My friends in the name of the one that is, was and shall always be we pray for you, your protection and your family's protection. We lift you up to the Lord and ask that you be healed of any physical ailment. We lift up your mind and pray that you be renewed in your mind. That you be refreshed in your commitment to the Spiritual path of a Christ centered life. We pray in the name of Jesus that if you are not saved that you read, (Romans 10:9), and commitment yourselves to Christ on your knees now. For those that need to re-commit, now is the time. Cease this moment and ask the Lord to come into your heart anew and seek forgiveness for those sins that have drawn you away from He that is the sustainer of us all.

April 21, 2022

Thursday

ALLOW THE LORD TO BLESS YOU

*"And Amaziah said to the man of God,"
But what shall I do for the hundreds of talents which I have given to the troops of Israel? And the man of God answered, "The lord has much more to give you than this."*

– 2 Chronicles 25:9

How often have you wanted to give more of your money, your time and your talent only to say to yourself, "What if I do this how shall I survive? In the natural I do not have the time. It seems impossible. OR: I will not be able to pay my bills if I give this money to the church or this charitable organization. So here it is: God seeks those that are exercising their faith. Faith is done not in the natural but in the unnatural. Naturally I would not be able to find time nor spend my resources yet we are not speaking of the natural world, but the super natural. Remember nothing is impossible with God. God is accomplishing His purpose through His people now. He will use those that stir up their faith. Are you one that sits on the side lines and watches the game or are you in the fight? Fight the good fight of faith!!! Press onward oh Christian soldier!!



April 22, 2022

Friday

NEVER SLANDER YOUR NEIGHBOR

“You shall not go about as a slanderer among your people, and you are not to act against the life of your neighbor; I am the Lord. You shall not hate your fellow countryman in your heart; you shall surely reprove your neighbor, but shall not incur sin because of him.”

– Leviticus 19:16-17

In today’s climate, at least in the United States, it is evident that as a whole we are not practicing the above scripture as a people. Perhaps as a nation we no longer believe in the word of God and therefore we as a whole, as a nation, do not believe we are subject to the Bible and its commands. Yet we know that through obedience we are a blessed people. In addition, we are a protected people. As an individual “casts off” the rule of the word of God, he or she opens themselves to all kinds of difficulties, and so as a nation governs themselves through self rule, it too exposes its self to utter disaster. And so look at our nation? America get back to: “Love Thy Neighbor.” Personally, am I practicing slander or loving my neighbor?

April 23, 2022

Saturday

KNOWING TRUTH

“For I was very glad when brethren came and bore witness to your truth, that is, how you are walking in truth.”

– 3 John 3

My friend are you walking in truth. You must know the truth that separates you from fiction. In this world you can become lost in the illusion that this world and all its attributes are real, unending, permanent. This illusion must be overcome through the mediator: Jesus Christ. Jesus testified that you must overcome this world, that your body, your life, your circumstances, while seem so real, are fleeting. You do this through being affixed to Christ. It is His example that shows you the way and the truth. Whether your circumstances are dire, whether they are ideal, they are ending and NOT real in the sense of forever. What is real is who you are in Christ. This is the truth of who you are and what you have overcome. You are here today and gone tomorrow. Know the truth. Ask.



April 24, 2022

Sunday

CHRIST HAS SET THE CAPTIVES FREE

“For I was very glad when brethren came and bore witness to your truth, that is, how you are walking in truth.”

– Luke 4:18

“He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and freedom to the prisoners,”

– Isaiah 61:1

“Thou has loosened my bonds”

– Psalm 116:16

Only through Christ can you truly be delivered. He came and has come to set the captives free, to proclaim liberty to His people. It is His right as Heir of all Things. This right was purchased through His death upon the cross. Through His blood the bonds of freedom are declared: “Captive I have delivered Thee and it is done forever. Satan may try to enslave but the Lord is on our side, “Whom shall I fear?” The world, with all its temptations may try to ensnare us, but mightier is He who is us than all that may be against us. Our own deceitful hearts may harass us and annoy us but He that has begun a good work in us shall carry it on and perfect it in the end. God through Christ is on your side. There is no one or no thing stronger. You are set free from the chains, from the bondage, from the snare of the Fowler. O Praise Him!! You are set free!!

April 25, 2022

Monday

BE FOREVER GRATEFUL

“Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus.”

– 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

There are times in our lives that we find little to be grateful for; yet go deeper my friend!!! Go beyond the feelings of depression, the pain and the sorrow. Try not to identify with circumstances that have brought sorrow. Do not deny rather be in this world but not of this world. Perhaps you are wealthy and all is well in your life yet you are empty. Search your heart and ask why; then listen to the still small voice that will speak to you. Yes gratitude is an attitude of thankfulness. Beyond the field of the mind and feeling is a place in which the Holy Spirit dwells. This is the place to go to be reminded of all the goodness that is in you from Christ Jesus your Lord. Be ever grateful!!!



April 26, 2022

Tuesday

THE POWER OF THE RESURRECTION

“...that I may know Him, and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death in order that I may attain to the resurrection from the dead.”

– *Philippians 3:10*

Christ’s Resurrection is the cornerstone of our faith. It is one of the key elements that differentiates our faith from all others. Press into the sufferings of Jesus. Understand the debt of his pain as the Savior of this time. Jesus is your all in all. You are living, working to build His Kingdom here on earth. This is your calling. He has chosen you from the foundation of the earth to be used in just your personal way to build, to secure a foothold upon this dark earth. “Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.” Dwell upon Jesus as He hung on the cross for all mankind and overcame death so that we may come to realize that death has lost its sting, that we in Christ are eternal beings that we do not have to identify with the darkness of this world, but rather like Jesus we too are the light. So then let your Light so shine.

April 27, 2022

Wednesday

GRIEVE NOT THE HOLY SPIRIT

“For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To Him be the Glory Forever.”

– *Romans 11:36*

To Him be the glory should be the single most desire in every believers heart. Everything else must be secondary to Glorifying God in our lives. “To Him be the Glory forever.” When someone says, “Great job with this or that, you really inspired me with that writing or what you said”; then instantly we must give God the Glory and in fact verbally tell the person confiding in us that it is God that we Glorify not man. And this is so because it is self as ego always lurking for credit or to be recognized. No no we must renounce this tendency and always give it all to God. For our lives are a demonstration upon the power of God to transform as into His likeness and to be more like Him or as Him. And so we give God the Glory and we glorify Him in all we do.



April 28, 2022

Thursday

THE LORD IS YOUR ALL

*“The Lord is my portion saith my soul.
Therefore, I have hope in Him.”*

– Lamentations 3:4

It is not that the Lord is partly my portion, nor does this say The Lord is in my portion, but He Himself makes up the sum of who I am at my soul. Although, I may struggle with sin, a health related issue, an emotional crisis etc.; that is NOT my lot. It is my soul that is made in the Divine nature and it is the soul that is all of the Lords. The Lord is my all sufficient portion. Let us rejoice always in the Lord. Let us show the world that we are ever joyful, and a blessed people. Let us walk in love always. This sets us apart from the world as we work out our Lord’s command. Then those around you will exclaim, “We will go with you, for we have heard that your God is with you, that through you He loves others.”

April 29, 2022

Friday

WE ARE THE LORD’S PEOPLE

“Not that I speak from want; for I have learned to be content in all circumstances that I am in.”

– Philippians 4:11

If you are a follower of Christ then your life is NOT your own. You have been bought by a price. Christ has chose you through the foundation of the world to call you his own. He has poured out Himself for the salvation of the world. Do you understand the significance of this truth? Your life is not your own as you truly have been bought by the price of Christ’s life. Now rejoice for this is why you are set apart, protected, redeemed, part of the royal priesthood. Rejoice!!! Rejoice !!! Get on fire for your life is not your own!!!! Praise Him!!! Praise Him!!!



April 30, 2022

Saturday

NEVER LOSE HEART

“Now He was telling them a parable to show that at all times they ought to pray and not to lose heart.”

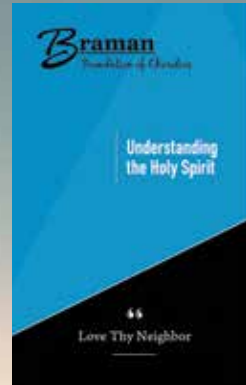
– Luke 18:1

In this world there lurks a darkness that saps your zeal for the Lord!!! Jesus is asking you to stay connected to the Kingdom through prayer. Be encouraged my friends: Jesus is as much active today as He was when He walked this earth, but now more. Christ has given us the Holy Spirit that is active in billions in this realm/ Therefore, do not lose heart, rather stay in prayer and know that there are brothers and sisters around every corner that love you, that need you and are actively seeking fellowship with believers. Reach out and bless someone today!!! The kingdom of God needs you!!!



Grow in Listening to the Holy Spirit

We dedicate this work to the soul that seeks the mountain top in a sea of mediocracy. To the one that has had a climb of this truth and seeks it always. You are the warrior that will overcome, the one that understands the true North and knows that Christ is the Pole Star of their lives. Press on, go deeper, and never ever stop.



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The Easter Victory

“Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.”

- 1 Corinthians 15:57

Easter stands for victory. It stands for several kinds of victory. In the first place, it stands for the victory of life over death. Nothing escapes death. Death, we are tempted to say, has the last word.

And yet we know that that is not true. It is life and not death that has to last word. We all know that science cannot start life. But have you ever stopped to think that it is equally impossible for the scientist, or anyone else to bring life to an end? You might, as an experiment, take an acre of ground and say to yourself, “in this acre I will defeat life.” First you would have to chop down every tree and cut off every living thing that grew there. Then you would have to pull out all the roots and burn them. Then you might plow the field and harrow it. If you have been reading Roman history recently you might even conceive of the idea of sowing that acre with salt. And if you were of an engineering turn of mind you might even consider covering the acre with a thick slab of concrete. When you have finished your work you might dust off your hands and say, “I have defeated life in that acre of land.”

But of course you would be wrong. You might defeat life for a year or two in this way. But you could not do it indefinitely— For you cannot defeat life. It, and not death has the last word.

Everything that we know about life seems to indicate that God intends it to have the last word. Easter, then, is first and foremost a celebration of the victory of life over death.

Easter also stands for the victory of goodness over evil.

It is no exaggeration to say that in the story of the crucifixion Jesus appears as goodness personified. When he was betrayed he continued to love, when he was denied he continued to be loyal, and when he was crucified he continued to be forgiving. If you want to see the real dimensions of goodness, look at Jesus.

Similarly, if you want to see the dimensions of evil, look at the forces that put Jesus to death. Here are the dimensions of evil— the kind of evil that gets the upper hand in churches that cease to put God’s purpose ahead of their own, the kind of evil that begins to work in governments that cease to speak for the people they govern.

And today if you want to see the dimensions of evil look around you. Increased crime rates, increased divorce rates, increased numbers of unwed mothers, increased consumption of alcoholic beverages, increased racial

tension, increased tension of another war.

But there is also evidence of goodness in our world. Look for number of men and women who are making sacrifices serving our Lord through missionary efforts in foreign countries where the Word of God has not even been heard. Evangelist who are touring the world bringing the Word of God to millions of people, thousands of new churches being built, evidence that people are seeking to worship their Lord.

But the message of the story is that even these kinds of evil I have mentioned do not have the last word. Goodness does have and will have the last word. For, even though the church and the state combined to put Jesus to death, God restored him to life.

Easter stands also for the victory of hope over fear.

It is probably safe to say that the oldest hope of the human race is that life may continue beyond death. Some of the most primitive burials that have been uncovered bear pathetic evidence of this hope, for often in the grave one finds a few handfuls of cracked corn to serve as food for the journey into the next world.

High cultures as well as primitive cultures have cherish this same hope: witness the pyramids of Egypt, the hope of life beyond death is universal. But let us face the fact that the hope is always mixed with fear. And the resurrection marks the victory of that hope over that fear. Let me illustrate this by recalling a great discovery.

Columbus, as we are all know discovered a new world. But he did more than that. He dispelled an ancient fear. This was the fear that if you sailed far enough

on the ocean you would come to the place where the world sloped downhill or dropped off. There your ship would slide down to be destroyed by monsters. When Columbus sailed to America he laid that fear to rest once and for all. Why? Because he had gone beyond the horizon and came back.

On the first Easter day this threefold victory was communicated to the disciples. It was necessary not only that Christ should rise again, but also that the disciples should know that he is risen; necessary moreover that they should share in the triumph of the Resurrection, in the sense of sharing its triumphant faith. The communication to the disciples was both of the fact and of the faith. The words, "he saw and believed" record the victory of faith in the heart of the disciple; a victory which is Christ's victory, communicated now to man.

Because of the resurrection of Jesus Christ, and because we are Christians and believe in Him and his teachings, our fear of death should be ended for death has truly lost its sting and is the beginning of an entirely new life with our Lord. There should be no doubts in our minds that life is eternal and everlasting and we can thank God for that. We truly have something to rejoice in this Easter season for without the resurrection of our lives would be purposeless and meaningless.

This, then, is what the resurrection stands for— The victory of life over death, of goodness over evil, of hope over fear. Thanks be to God who has given us this victory, through our Lord, Jesus Christ.

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Wednesday 7pm
12 Step Study Women's Group

Thursday 7:30pm
Big Book Step Study

Saturday 7pm
Big Book Step Study

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SPURGEON'S CORNER

“But now is Christ risen from the dead.”

1 Corinthians 15:20



The whole system of Christianity rests upon the fact that “Christ is risen from the dead;” for, “If Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain: ye are yet in your sins.” The divinity of Christ finds its surest proof in his resurrection, since he was “Declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead.” It would not be unreasonable to doubt his deity if he had not risen. Moreover, Christ’s sovereignty depends upon his resurrection, “For to this end Christ both died, and rose, and revived, that he might be Lord both of the dead and living.” Again, our justification, that choice blessing of the covenant, is linked with Christ’s triumphant victory over death and the grave; for “He was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification.” Nay, more, our very regeneration is connected with his resurrection, for we are “Begotten again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.” And most certainly our ultimate resurrection rests here, for, “If the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.” If Christ be not risen, then shall we not rise; but if he be risen then they who are asleep in Christ have not perished, but in their flesh shall surely behold their God. Thus, the silver thread of resurrection runs through all the believer’s blessings, from his regeneration onwards to his eternal glory, and binds them together. How important then will this glorious fact be in his estimation, and how will he rejoice that beyond a doubt it is established, that “now is Christ risen from the dead”!

“The promise is fulfill’d,
Redemption’s work is done,
Justice with mercy’s reconciled,
For God has raised his Son.”

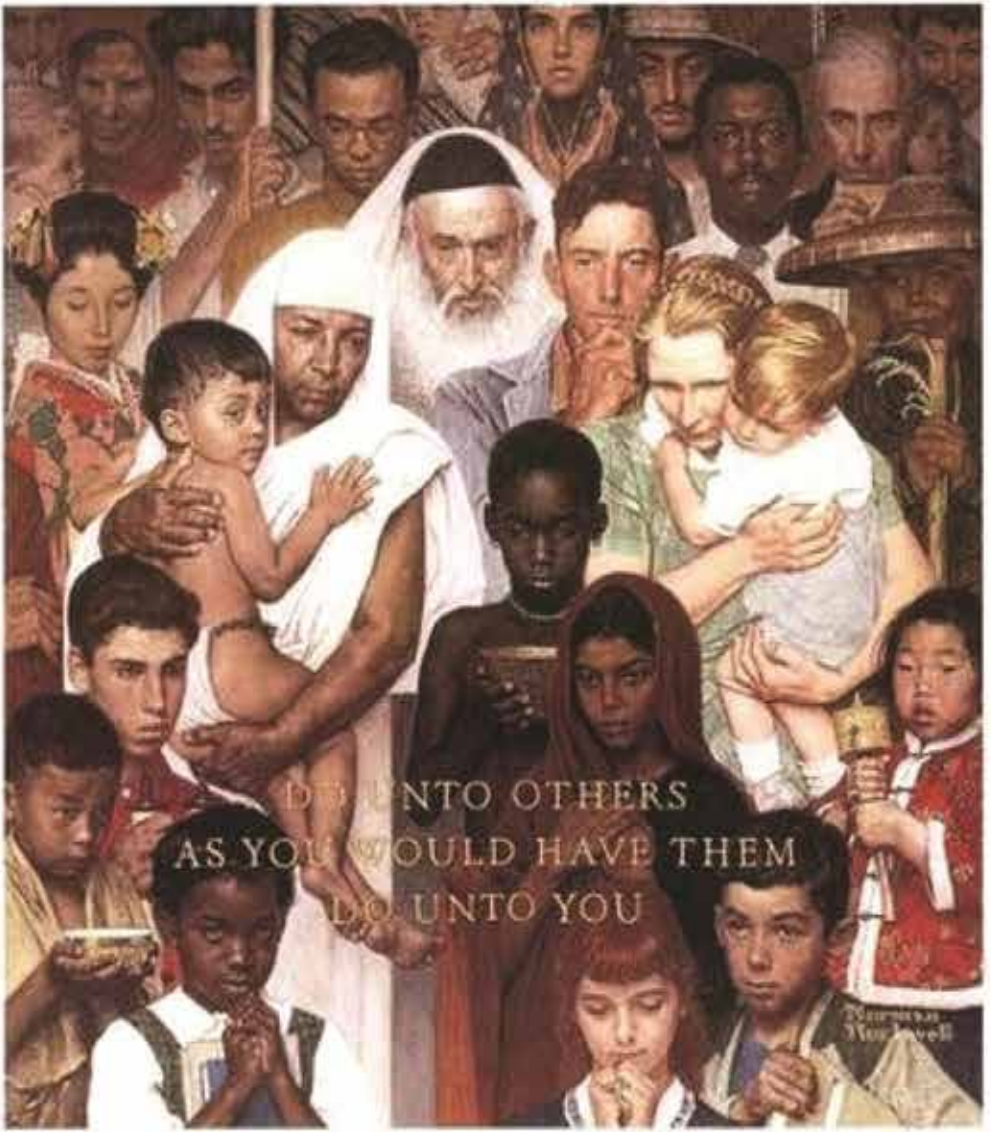
Worship Service

Thursday 7pm-8pm

Our worship service is a time to meet to praise, worship, pray to God and receive a teaching (sermon) based on the Bible along with a weekly communion.



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