

WHAT DOES EASTER MEAN TO YOU?

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Happy Easter!

EASTER IS ABOUT GOD MAKING THREE STOPS FOR THREE PURPOSES!

1. GOD CAME TO EARTH TO SHOW US HOW HE LOVES US!

"¹⁸ And may you have the power to understand, as all God's people should, how wide, how long, how high, and how deep his love really is. ¹⁹ May you experience the love of Christ, though it is so great you will never fully understand it. Then you will be filled with the fullness of life and power that comes from God. ²⁰ Now glory be to God!"

Ephesians 3:18-20

"⁶ For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."

Isaiah 9:6

¹⁶ "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him." John 3:16-17

God gives everyone a choice have you accepted His love?

2. JESUS CAME TO THE CROSS TO TAKE YOUR SINS AWAY AND SET YOU FREE FOREVER!

"... I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly."

John 10:10

He was oppressed and He was afflicted, Yet He opened not His mouth; He was led as a lamb to the slaughter, And as a sheep before its shearers is silent, So He opened not His mouth.

Isaiah 53:7

But he was wounded and crushed for our sins. He was beaten that we might have peace. He was whipped, and we were healed! ⁶ All of us have strayed away like sheep. We have left God's paths to follow our own. Yet the LORD laid on him the guilt and sins of us all. ⁷ He was oppressed and treated harshly, yet he never said a word. He was led as a lamb to the slaughter. And as a sheep is silent before the shearers, he did not open his mouth. ⁸ From prison and trial they led him away to his death. But who among the people realized that he was dying for their sins-- that he was suffering their punishment? ⁹ He had done no wrong, and he never deceived anyone. But he was buried like a criminal; he was put in a rich man's grave. ¹⁰ But it was the LORD's good plan to crush him and fill him with grief. Yet when his life is made an offering for sin, he will have a multitude of children, many heirs. He will enjoy a long life, and the LORD's plan will prosper in his hands.

Isaiah 53:5-10

Do you believe in your heart and soul all of your sins are gone, and you've been set free?

3. The Holy Spirit comes to you to give you life more abundantly!

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John 10:10

"... For God's way of making us right with himself depends on faith. ¹⁰ As a result, I can really know Christ and experience the mighty power that raised him from the dead."

Philippians 3:9-10

"Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life."

Romans 6:4

"You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit-- fruit that will last. Then the Father will give you whatever you ask in my name."

John 15:16

⁷ For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline. ⁸ So do not be ashamed to testify about our Lord, or ashamed of me his prisoner. But join with me in suffering for the gospel, by the power of God,"

2 Timothy 1:7-8

Have you made a commitment to God and let God give you a new life?

Action Step

Think about what Easter means to you, and what building project God wants to do in your life.

Do the daily Bible study this week and get ready for God to work in your life during our next series Construction Ahead!