

Welcome to Easter – Bibles – Facebook...a pagan holiday by submitting to the goddess Estra

- Eggs represent her fertility and the bunny is the devil....to all that I say...
No I'm Not and would you calm the flip down...you're ruining everybody's good time...
I like Cadbury once a year - finding fake plastic grass in my carpet in June...so take it easy
- Regardless what you call today, Easter - Resurrection Sunday - March 31st...celebrate 1 thing
That the Real God of the Real Universe sent His Real Son who was Really God in the Flesh
To Really die on a cross in our place and Really raised from the dead on the third day
A reality that we live in every single day and set aside one specific day a year to
corporately worship and remember that fact!
If you colored easter eggs - dude dressed like a bunny at the mall, background check...
You have not condemned your soul to hell...even if those things were sins...not
Easter is not about condemnation but about redemption!

We celebrate God's Amazing Grace...saved from our sin...reserved us a room...in Heaven

Big Idea – The Resurrection Proves God's Amazing Grace

Proves God had a plan...beginning of all creation...save those made in His image

The Apostle Paul writes about the outcome of this Amazing Grace in Romans 6:20-23

²⁰ For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. ²¹ But what fruit were you getting at that time from the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death. ²² But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life. ²³ For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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The sin debt they would rack up every day against Him...GOSPEL...Jesus had risen...indeed...

1. The Resurrection of Christ: Destroys our Shame

For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. But what fruit were you getting at that time from the things of which you are now ashamed?

What brings shame? Sin brings shame. Every single thing I'm ashamed of is sin...

- Before faith I've got all sorts of things that I'm ashamed of...but I thought I was free
 - Didn't believe God...didn't believe righteousness...free to do what I want any old time
 - That's the way I thought before Christ...my standard...whatever made me happy
- But what fruit were you getting at that time from the things of which you are now ashamed?
- What did you gain? If I told you stories of me before Christ...stocks and tomatoes
 - How about you? You got some whoppers? Doozies...don't want people to know
- Do you know who knows...God...I think shame is important...can bring you to salvation
- Why? Because once you feel shame you want to get rid of it...God knows it all and...
At the cross he took all our shame – buried it with Him – resurrection washes it away
 - Are you being overwhelmed by shame...you don't even know what I've done?
 - Believe in Jesus and the Jesus says...your shame has been paid from by me!

Or you can keep it...wand what does the text teach us? For the end of those things is death.
So many people want to clean themselves up before they come to Jesus...no...not that...

- Tomb is empty so the shame in your soul may be emptied as well...He makes you clean

2. The Resurrection: Defines our Purpose

But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life.

You were bought with a price and purchased for a purpose

What purpose of your life? Sanctification - 1 Thess. 4:3 This is the will of God for your life...san

- Now that you're free from sin you're free to pursue righteousness...sanctification
Meeting Christ changes everything in your life...it radically alters your purpose
 - I went from an almost divorced drunk to a desk in a church...with some steps
- Skip me...go biblical - I want you to think about one of the greatest apologetics of all time...
- If the resurrection didn't happen...what do we know about the disciples?
 - If the resurrection didn't happen...what do we know about Paul?
NOTHING! We've never heard of them...but what do we actually know?
The saw the resurrected Jesus and it changed their entire lives purpose...sanctification
 - Disciples = Cowards to courageous | Paul = Murderer...life ender to preaching life
If the resurrection is a lie...never heard of these men...they turned the world upside down
Do you want purpose in your life? How about the greatest purpose? Eternal purpose
 - Go to the tomb now...you saw him die...you saw him placed...go to the tomb...empty
 - How does that change your life? Disciples = Die...now has that truth changed you?
the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life | Fruit = Benefit
You were bought with price & purchased for purpose | Hasn't changed you...hasn't saved
- What is it to be saved?

3. The Resurrection: Determines our Eternity

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Probably second most quoted Scripture next to John 3:16 – Why? All you need for salvation

- 'The wages of sin is death' – Sin demands payment...it will take it's payment
BUT – This huge conjunction...without it we would be doomed to damnation
 - 'The free gift of God is eternal life'
 - The wage of sin is death...but God gives us a free gift...he bought you and gave you
 - What did he gift you? Eternal Life...Eternal Life...ETERNAL LIFE...we don't get that!
 - Eternity – [Magadan Russia to Cape Town Africa 14k](#) | 8 Hours a day = 562 days
 - IF you were to walk if for an eternity after your 100 trillionth time...no closer to done
- Every person ever born will live for eternity.... It just is a matter of where...heaven of hell
- but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord
 - The acceptance or rejection of that Truth
 - You want your sin paid for, shame destroyed, eternal purpose, eternal life heaven
YOU NEED TO RESPOND TO THESE WORDS – Worship Team Move