

Independence Day

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Habakkuk

1:1-4

1 This is the message that the prophet Habakkuk received in a vision. 2 How long, O LORD, must I call for help? But you do not listen! "Violence is everywhere!" I cry, but you do not come to save. 3 Must I forever see these evil deeds? Why must I watch all this misery? Wherever I look, I see destruction and violence. I am surrounded by people who love to argue and fight. 4 The law has become paralyzed, and there is no justice in the courts. The wicked far outnumber the righteous, so that justice has become perverted.

Six days to Passover...




You have to be alive to be a witness

Romans 6:11

11 Likewise you also, reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord. for Christ

Ephesians 2:4,5

4 But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, 5 even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), .



In our lives, we will only have an impact for Christ when people come to see in us, a person who was dead, but now is alive as Christ lives in and through us.

There is a cost to
relationship and worship
of God

James 1:2,3

2 My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, 3 knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience.

Matt 5:10-12

10 Blessed *are* those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, For theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 11 "Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake. 12 Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great *is* your reward in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you

Day 5 Palm Sunday

Daniel 9:25

25 “Know therefore and understand,
That from the going forth of the
command

To restore and build Jerusalem


Until Messiah the Prince,

There shall be seven weeks and sixty-two
weeks;

The street shall be built again, and the
wall,

Even in troublesome times.

Day 4, 3



One of our Jobs
as Christians is to
introduce people
to Christ.

Three times in Jesus' life a voice called out from heaven

“This is my beloved son in whom I am well pleased” Jesus' baptism

The second time “this is my beloved son in whom I am well pleased hear him” Mount of transfiguration; and here.

Each time done to affirm Gods love and pleasure in the son!

There will always be
opposition to the work of
God

Belief in Christ is life... denial of Christ is to
remain in eternal death