

Easter Hope

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." Romans 15:13 (NIV)

If Easter is really true:

1. **H**elps explain why this world is in the shape it's in.
2. **O**ffers us power to face problems in our lives.

"I pray that you will begin to understand how incredibly great his power is to help those who believe him... the same mighty power that raised Christ from the dead."
Eph. 1:20 (LB)

3. **P**eople can come to God just as they are.

People try lots of ways to get to God:

- "Get Connected"
- "Be Sincere"
- "Clean up your Act"
- "Be Religious"
- "Be Good"

Titus 3:5 – we can never be good enough to get to God.

“The payment for sin is death. But God gives us the free gift of life forever in Christ Jesus our Lord.”
Romans 6:23 (ICB)

4. **E**verybody deserves the chance to connect\reconnect with God.

“To all who believed him and accepted him, he gave the right to become children of God.” John 1:12 (NLT)