

Easter and Salvation

Easter is all about the salvation of mankind. How can the depravity of human nature be reconciled to a holy God? How does God deal with all the darkness on planet earth? How can I gain His approval for eternity? Easter is the answer to those questions.

Q1: What is the relationship between belief, faith, and repentance?

In John 14:6 Jesus said, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." Your relationship with God began/ begins by accepting the historical Jesus Christ as your "Way." Easter is all about Jesus as God's way to salvation. Is Jesus your "Way." What does that mean?

Your NT describes God's way using the words "believe, faith, and repent." This is the meaning and power behind Easter. God has made a way for sinners to find salvation. God can change your life when you believe, have faith, and repent. God's way through Christ encompasses the whole person – mind, heart, and will.

- ❑ **Believe = intellectual knowledge (mind)** I am aware of who Jesus was and what He accomplished.
- ❑ **Faith = emotional conviction (heart)** This is where faith becomes authentic and alive.
- ❑ **Repent = volitional acceptance (will)** I have changed my mind. I'm turning from my own way to Jesus Christ.

Q2: What does the OT reveal about Jesus as Messiah?

Shortly after Adam and Eve sinned, God cursed Satan and in Genesis 3:15, He referred to Eve's offspring who would crush the head of Satan. This is the first reference to Jesus defeating evil and saving mankind. From this point, the OT references Jesus as Messiah in about 500 verses. The OT is the story of man's need for a Savior and God's plan to provide. Listing all that is revealed about Jesus as Messiah would take more paper than a single program will hold. Here are a few:

Jesus' Birth – Micah 5:2 – Jesus' would be born in Bethlehem

Jesus' Nature – Isaiah 9:6 – Titles that reveal attributes and characteristics of Jesus.

Jesus' Ministry – Isaiah 35:5-6 – Healing for the blind, deaf, lame and mute.

Jesus' Death – Psalm 22:16 – Jesus' manner of death will be crucifixion.

Jesus' Resurrection – Psalm 16:10 – Jesus will not decay!

Jesus' Return – Isaiah 9:7 – Jesus will reign forever!

The big idea is that God keeps His promises and can be trusted!

Family Night Big Idea

During this series we are going to provide you with a link to a series of videos designed to help you teach the meaning of Easter to your children. Each week we will provide a short video that will help you get the conversation started. In the program we will provide links that can be easily followed from our sermons on www.gracestatesboro.com, our app (Search GCCStatesboro) and our Facebook pages.

[The Bedbug Bible Gang: Easter Party!](#) (Also available on RightNow Media)

[5-Minute Family Devotional—Easter Week](#) (Also available on RightNow Media)

Velocity (Middle and High School Students)

Velocity: No Velocity April 5th. Happy Spring Break!

Gravity: Students stay and enjoy "Good Questions".

Today's Songs

I Thank God.....Maverick Music

How Great is Our God.....Chris Tomlin

I Surrender All.....Hymn

SubSplash

We are changing software. You will need to get our new app on your phone if you want to receive church messages. Messages will no longer be by text. Instead, you will get notifications on the app. Go to App Store or Play Store and type in "gccstatesboro" and look for GCC Logo.

Night of Worship

Our band will have a concert on April 7th at 6:30pm. All donations to benefit "Priceless", a nonprofit for the sanctity of all human life.

Foundations Golf Tournament

April 28th at Willow Lake in Metter. Need players and sponsors. Check out the flyer in the Lobby.

Summer Camp Volunteers

We are assembling our team of workers for Summer Camp 2023. Dates are June 12th-16th. We need you! If you can help, please fill out the form in the lobby and place in the green Lego box. We will contact you soon with details.