



Our Hope, Our Reward

Resurrection & The Kingdom Of Our God

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“Experience the Day God Died...Good Friday”



This is NOT our hope!

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If that was true, it would not be GOOD Friday! Many celebrate in all earnest. They truly believe what they are doing is right. BUT, they believe a LIE and their celebration is blasphemous! It is a pity that their god can and did die. The one true God cannot and did not die!

Photos from Grand Rapids First's post in
Good Friday Service

EXPERIENCE
THE DAY
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"Which He will bring about at the proper time—He who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords, who alone possesses immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no man has seen or can see. To Him be honor and eternal dominion!" Amen. **1 Timothy 6:15-16**

Here are a few others to consider... Isaiah 40:28, Romans 1:22-23, Romans 16:26, **1 Timothy 1:17**

"Easter" is a great opportunity to share these truths and to give honor to whom honor is due. **JESUS died and GOD raise him up!**

<https://www.youtube.com/embed/0zEm4PyozjM>

Jesus died a *brutal* death!

- He gave his life to the Father

– *In the Garden* - Matt. 26:37-39

- He gave his life to us

– *On the Cross*



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In the garden Jesus pleaded with God to find another way, **but he chose to put his life on the altar** and chose to lose his life so that we might find life...immortality.

Mt. 26:37-39 Jesus began to be grieved and distressed. ³⁸ Then He *said to them, "My soul is deeply grieved, to the point of death.... "My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; yet not as I will, but as You will."

26:42 He went away again a second time and prayed, saying, "My Father, if this cannot pass away unless I drink it, Your will be done."...⁴⁴ went away and prayed a third time, saying the same thing once more. **JESUS SERIOUSLY DIDN'T WANT TO GO THROUGH THIS!**

Mark 15:39 Jesus, the SON of God, died. When the centurion, who was standing ^[s]right in front of Him, saw ^[t]the way He breathed His last, he said, **"Truly this man was the Son of God!"**

My holy God. You will never die." Habakkuk 1.12

BTW, Does this slide make you feel a little uncomfortable? (mixed messages with the bunny)

If we claim to follow the Bible, we need to stick to it! Jesus' death and resurrection is the crux of our faith... don't mess with it! Goddess Oester – fertility...rabbits, known to be prolific procreators, are an ancient symbol of

fertility and new life or rebirth. Eggs...**The egg**, an ancient symbol of new life, has been associated with pagan festivals celebrating spring --- then it says that it is a prominent secular symbol of the Christian holiday... WHAT?! How could something be associated with pagan festivals and a symbol of a Christian holiday? WHY would Christians allow this?

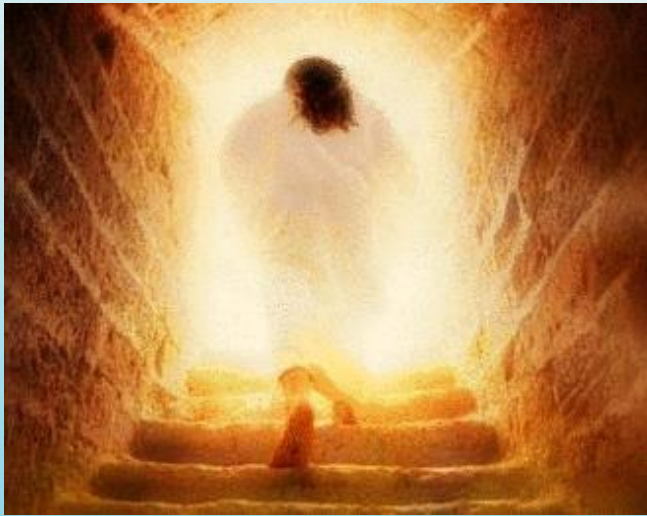
“But **have nothing to do** with worldly fables fit only for old women. On the other hand, discipline yourself for the purpose of godliness.” **1 Timothy 4:7**
What part of NOTHING do we not understand?!

Whoever does not
carry his own cross
and come after Me
cannot be My
disciple. Luke 14:27

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<https://youtu.be/Ab6OqQn-PLw>

No bunnies, eggs or candy here!



VICTORY!

Jesus walked
OUT of the grave!

This Jesus God raised up again, to which we are all witnesses. Therefore having been exalted to the right hand of God... Acts 2:32-33

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(READ) Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To Him who loves us and **released us from our sins** by His blood— ⁶ and He has made us *to be* a kingdom, priests to His God and Father—to Him *be* the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen. WHAT CAME RIGHT AFTER HIS RESURRECTION? He has made us *to be* a kingdom, priests to His God and Father.

We moved from the kingdom of darkness to the kingdom of light! We were made to be servants and to rule!

Rev. 20:6 Blessed and holy is the one who has a part in the first resurrection; over these the second death has no power, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with Him for a thousand years.

1 Cor. 15:22-23 But now Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who are asleep. ²¹ For since by a man *came* death, by a man also *came* the resurrection of the dead. ²² For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ all will be made alive.

Rebirth – but not mother earth, it's not about the season, it's not about the fertility of the earth or people... We are talking RESURRECTION FROM THE DEAD! No bunnies hopped out of the grave!

We were bought with a price and our life is not our own!

- We give our lives at baptism
 - *Repent & Renew our Minds*
- Choice to live the life that is not our own
 - *Daily Decisions*



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1 Cor. 6:20 For you have been bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body.

1 Cor. 7:23 You were bought with a price; do not become slaves of men.

What Next?

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Repented (from our sin and disbelief), baptized in water, forgiven, reconciled to God... if we haven't done this, we need to start here. **Repentance:** It has two usual senses: a "change of mind" and "regret/remorse."

How do we demonstrate repentance? BAPTISM. What is the FRUIT of repentance? BAPTISM and changed attitudes and deeds

<https://www.biblestudytools.com/dictionary/repentance/>

But, for what purpose? It has to be bigger than just us!

Now all *these* things are from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ and **gave us the ministry of reconciliation**, namely, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and *He has committed to us the word of reconciliation.*

2 Corinthians 5:18-19

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How does that look? Offering people this gift...

2 Thessalonians 2:4 “...but just as we have been approved by God to be **entrusted with the gospel**, so we speak, not as pleasing men, but God who examines our hearts.”

It's an HONOR to be committed to such a thing – reconciling people to the one true and living God!!

“WHOEVER WILL CALL ON THE NAME OF THE LORD WILL BE SAVED.”

How then will they call on Him in whom they have not believed? How will they believe in Him whom they have not heard? And how will they hear without a preacher? How will they preach unless they are sent? Just as it is written, **“HOW BEAUTIFUL ARE THE FEET OF THOSE WHO BRING GOOD NEWS OF GOOD THINGS!”**

Romans 10:13-15

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We have a responsibility! Are your feet beautiful , or do they stink? 😊



Exciting Stories of Truth

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I am getting so pumped up hearing these stories! It is SO exciting! I wanted to share a few with you. (Share how people all over the world are reading their Bibles, being Bereans, and seeing the simple truths of who God and His Messiah are and understanding the resurrection from the dead and God's kingdom reigning on earth some day, with us!)

Love of truth

Professor Bill



Pastor Edwin



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Exciting what people are willing to do and willing to lose for the love of truth! Professor Bill, Pastor Edwin and many others are willing to walk away from a job, huge ministries and popularity to pursue a life and ministry based on the truths of Scripture. They choose to please God rather than themselves or men.

Amir



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"I always told to Mr. Dan if we tell the people this truth people will surely react. But, I use same way that you used for me. Tell people to ask God for truth and read the bible."

God will reveal!

Theresa



“I have so much joy and excitement about the true gospel!

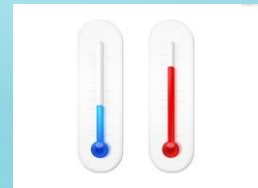
I can't wait for Jesus to come back. I want to help spread the gospel to expedite things!”

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So exciting! And she says, you are the first person I have actually talked to! Reach out to people! Make yourself available to be found. Get excited and remember your “first love.”

I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot; I wish that you were cold or hot. So because you are *lukewarm*, and neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of My mouth.

Revelation 3:15-16



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God is moving! Will we move with Him?

Do we LOVE truth?

As I said, God is stirring things up! Where will we be? Where will your Church be? Where will *you* be?



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If there is just a 1% chance someone won't be in the kingdom (will be thrown into the lake of fire) shouldn't we share the truth with them and give them the opportunity to believe it (especially if they are believing in *another* Jesus?)

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