

SERMON NOTE: A Crucified Life

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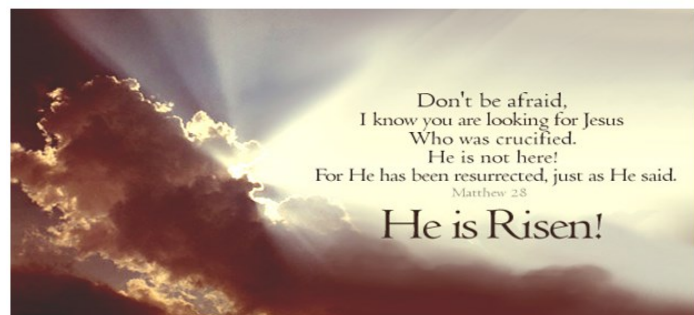


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I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

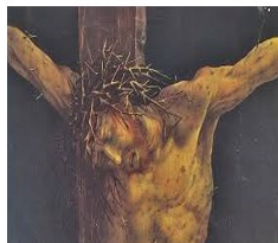
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What is the message of Easter?

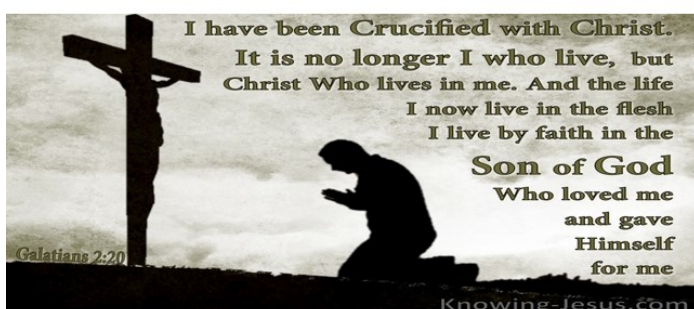


Easter :

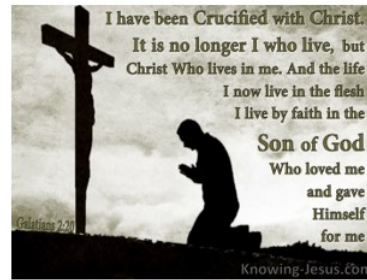
- Jesus Christ died on the cross for our sins.
- His rose again to give us life.



Galatians 2:20 A crucified life



Response to Easter

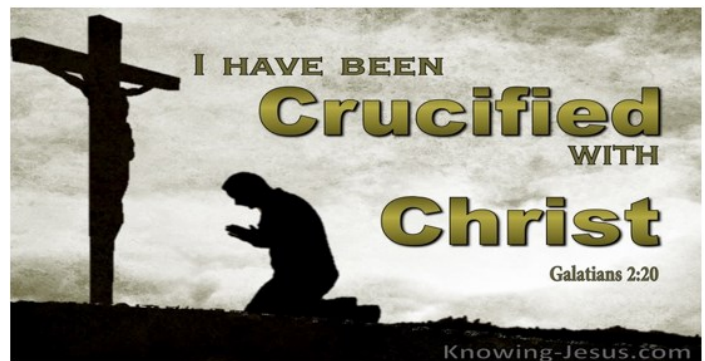


Easter must affect us and bring a change in our daily lives.

JESUS was raised to life 3 days after HE was crucified. What's the message should Easter bring to our lives?

Galatians

- Peace with God by grace through faith in Jesus Christ



Crucified with Christ

- His death justified us.
- We died with Him.
 - died to the law- self attempts to be right with God
 - died to self – deny self

Justified by Faith (2:16)

- yet we know that a person is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, so we also have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be **justified by faith in Christ** and not by works of the law, because by works of the law no one will be justified.

"We who are Jews by birth and not sinful Gentiles know that a person is not justified by the works of the law, but by faith in Jesus Christ. So we, too, have put our faith in Christ Jesus that we may be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law, because by the works of the

law no one will be justified.

Galatians 2:15-16 NIV

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Justified

- Dikaioo (Grk) – justified, declared righteous
- a **legal sense** - the person who is 'justified' is the one who gets the 'not guilty' verdict in a court of law.



Justified

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- a **religious sense** - getting of a favourable verdict before God on judgment day." (Morris)

Sin results in spiritual death

- For while we were living in the flesh, our sinful passions, aroused by the law, were at work in our members to bear fruit for death. (Romans 7:5)
- For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Romans 6:23)



Spiritual death

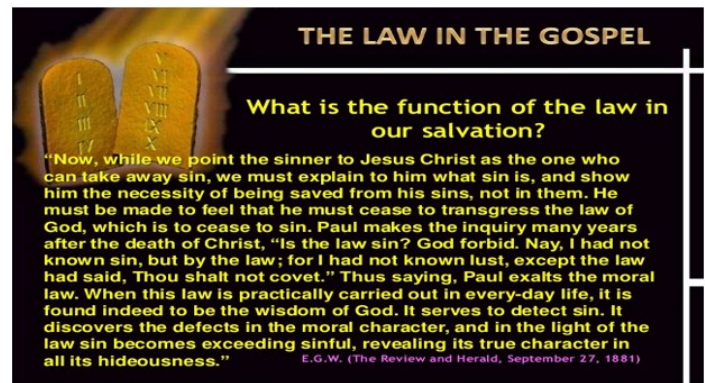
- Sin result in a broken relationship with God.
- God is holy and cannot tolerate sin.



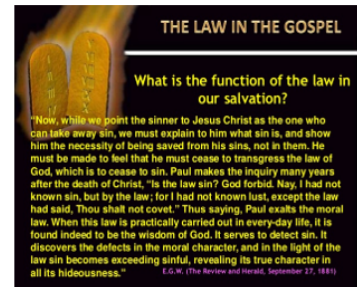
But your iniquities have separated you from your God; your sins have hidden his face from you, so that he will not hear.

Isaiah 59:2 NIV

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Sin and the Law



Law:

It is the wisdom of God.
It serves to detect sin.
It discovers the defects in the moral character.
It reveals the true character of sin in all its hideousness.
In the light of the law sin becomes exceedingly sinful.

Sometimes we see sins as just another sin in a day, took it for granted.

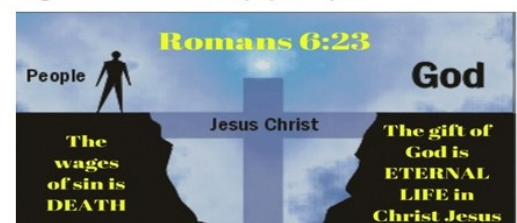
Cannot be justified

- by works of the law
- by living a morally upright life like the Pharisees
- by keeping any religious rules like holy men
- yet we know that a person is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ (Galatians 2:16)

Paul though the Law very thoroughly as the Pharisee of the Pharisees, but he knew and said that we cannot be justified by law.

faith in Jesus Christ

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- This faith - not intellectual conviction only, but personal commitment.
 - commitment to enter a relationship with God.

This righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference between Jew and Gentile, for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.

Romans 3:22-24 NIV

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Romans 3:22-24

- All have sin
- Fall short – our own efforts are inadequate
- Justified by faith (all who believe) in Jesus Christ alone.
- Received a righteousness through this faith.

Crucified with Him: died with Him

- Died to the law
- Died to self or deny self

Through the law we become conscious of sins.

‘Through the law I died to the law.’ (2:19)

- Through the law:
 - we become conscious of sin.

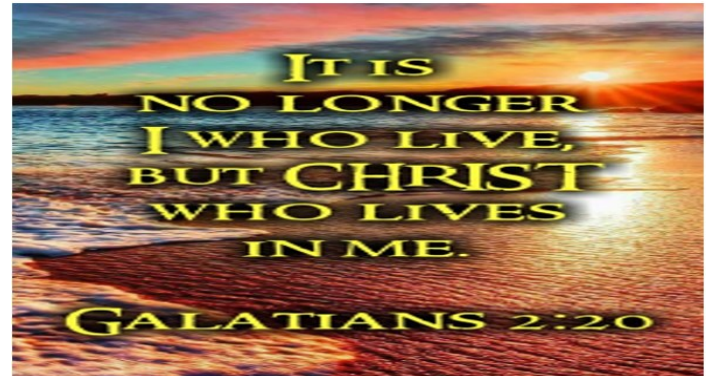
‘Therefore no one will be declared righteous in God’s sight by the works of the law; rather, through the law we become conscious of our sin.’ (Romans 3:20)

- we are made aware that we cannot be declared righteous(justified) by following the law
 - died to the law
- this awareness drive us to repent of sin and look to the cross for our justification.

No efforts to follow the law or religious rules can justify us!

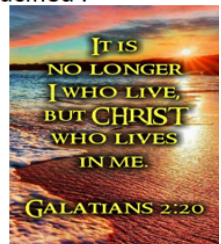
Peace with God

- ‘Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.’ Romans 5:1
- Justification lead to reconciliation/ peace with God - Gospel



A great exchange has occurred:

- Paul gave his old life (sinful), attempts to be right before God by the law(religion), to be crucified .
- Jesus gave Paul His life(resurrected).
 - Christ came to live in him



Ownership exchanged

- Paul’s life isn’t his own anymore, it belongs to Christ.
- he is simply “managing” the new life Jesus gave him.
- Exchanged life:
 - deny self
 - live to God

Exchanged life : Deny self

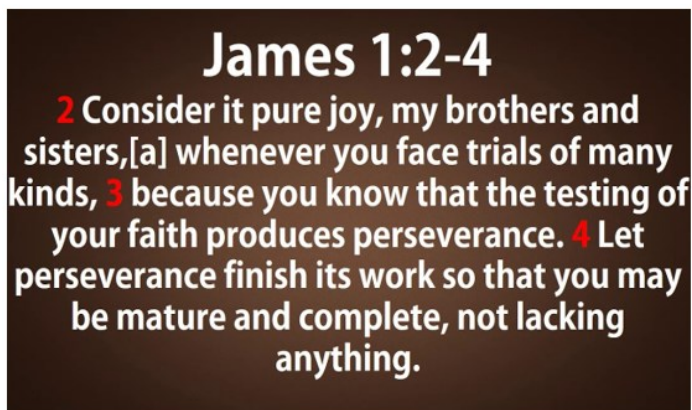
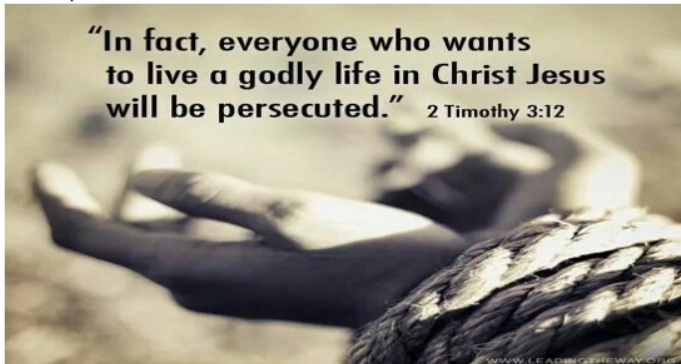
- Then Jesus told his disciples, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. Matthew 16:24
- The cross we are to carry:
Commitment to follow Christ through suffering and be willing to die for him.

Going to the cross is a commitment to suffer for JESUS /FATHER’S Will or Purposes.

Does not mean:



'carry cross' means:



Are ready to take up your cross? Consider these questions:

- Are you willing to follow Jesus if it means losing some of your closest friends?
- Are you willing to follow Jesus if it means alienation from your family?
- Are you willing to follow Jesus if it means the loss of your reputation?
- Are you willing to follow Jesus if it means losing your job?
- Are you willing to follow Jesus if it means losing your life?

Are ready to take up your cross? :

- Are you willing to follow Jesus?
- Every follower of Jesus Christ must expect persecution. Every follower of Jesus Christ must have perseverance when tested.

Live to God

- 'so that I might live to God.' (2:19b)
- Christ living in me and so I live to please Him each day.
- exchange my life priorities with His.

And the Life I now live in the flesh



Live by faith

- It is not an intellectual agreement but a practice of trust
 - Proverbs 3:5-6
- Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.

Philippians 4:6-7 New Living Translation (NLT)

- Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. ⁷ Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus

Live by faith

- Commit everything to Him in prayer.
- Trust Him and not your own understanding.
- He will clear the obstacles in your path.
- You will experience His peace.

For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people. It teaches us to say "No" to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, while we wait for the blessed hope—the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good.

Titus 2:11-14 NIV

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- live a God-filled, God-honoring life (Message)
- this new life is starting right now, and whetting our appetites for the glorious day when our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, appears

A crucified life. Two exchanges have occurred:

- He died on our behalf and justified us
 - we stand righteous before God
- He has given us new life in exchange for our old (dead) life
 - we deny our self and live for God in our new life
 - we live in expectation of His second coming.

Easter commitment is:

Live a crucified life- die to self and live for God.

- take up our cross daily, giving up our hopes, dreams, possessions, even our very life if need be for the cause of Christ.
- commit all our needs in prayer and trust Him to help us.

Because He loved me.....for me.



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