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Meeting Times:

Sunday:

Bible Study9:45 AM
Worship10:40 AM
Care, Inc. Service 2:30 PM
Worship 6:00 PM

Wednesday:

Ladies Bible Class.10:00 AM
Bible Study 7:00 PM

Elders:

Gene Bannister..... Billy Chism

Deacons:

Mike Bannister..... Don Smith

James Thomas

Preacher:

Johnny McCaghren

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The Significance of Christ's Resurrection

Each spring, millions of people around the world acknowledge, in some fashion or another, that Jesus Christ was raised from the dead some twenty centuries ago. Modern society calls it "Easter."

The origin of this term is uncertain, though it is commonly thought to derive from Eastre, the name of a Teutonic spring goddess. The term "Easter," in the King James Version of the Bible (Acts 12:4), is a mis-translation. The Greek word is *pascha*, correctly rendered "Passover" in later translations. In fact, though *pascha* is found twenty-nine times in the Greek New Testament, it is only rendered "Easter" once, even in the KJV.

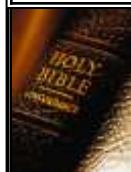
Christians are not authorized to celebrate Easter as a special annual event acknowledging the resurrection of Christ. Faithful children of God reflect upon the Savior's resurrection **every Sunday** (the resurrection day – cf. John 20:1ff) as they gather to worship God in the regular assembly of the church (cf. Acts 20:7; 1 Corinthians 16:2).

We ought to be glad, however, that multitudes – usually caught up in pursuits wholly materialistic – will take at least some time for reflection upon the event of the Savior's resurrection. It is entirely appropriate that Christians take advantage of this circumstance; we should be both willing and able to explain to our friends – at least those who have some reverence for Christianity – the significance of the Lord's resurrection.

The resurrection of Jesus from the dead is the foundation of the Christian system (cf. 1 Corinthians 15:14ff). If there was no resurrection, Christianity is a hoax, and we are wasting our time. But the truth is, the event of Jesus' resurrection is incontrovertible. Professor Thomas Arnold of Rugby, a world-renowned historian, once said that Christ's resurrection from the dead is the "best-attested fact in human history". This being the case, just what is the significance of Jesus' resurrection? Think about these matters.

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Let us know if you want to study
the Bible to know more about
Christ and His Church.



Now after the Sabbath, as the first day of the week began to dawn, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to see the tomb. And behold, there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat on it. . . . But the angel answered and said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for He is risen, as He said"
Matthew 28:1-2, 5-6

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First, the resurrection is one of the major evidences that Jesus Christ is **the Son of God**. Paul affirmed that Christ is “declared to be the Son of God with power . . . by the resurrection from the dead” (Romans 1:4).

Second, Jesus’ resurrection represents an assurance that we can have **forgiveness from our sins**. Paul contended: “[I]f Christ hath not been raised, our faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins” (1 Corinthians 15:17). The reverse of the apostle’s affirmation would be this: if Jesus was raised, sins will be forgiven when we obey the gospel (Acts 2:38; 22:16).

Third, the resurrection tells the world that **the kingdom of God is ruled by a living sovereign**. The founder of Islam is dead and his bones lie dormant in the earth. But the founder of Christianity—sixty years after his death—appeared to John on the island of Patmos and said: “I am the first and the last, and the Living one; and I was dead, and behold, I am alive for evermore” (Revelation 1:17-18).

Fourth, Jesus’ resurrection proves that **physical death is not the termination of human existence**. God, who is the giver of life (1 Timothy 6:13), has the power to reanimate the human body. Christ’s triumph over the grave is Heaven’s pledge to us that we too shall be raised. This is why Jesus is referred to as the “firstfruits of them that are asleep” (1 Corinthians 15:20,23).

Fifth, the Lord’s resurrection previewed the **ultimate victory of Christianity over all its enemies**. In the book of Revelation, Jesus is depicted as a lamb that had been slain, but was standing again (5:6). This same Lord was “the lion of the tribe of Judah” that had overcome his foes (5:5). Christians too will overcome as a result of the Lamb’s sacrifice and victory over death (cf. Revelation 12:11).

The resurrection of the Son of God should be a constant reminder to us of these wonderful biblical truths. We honor our Master’s victory over death—not once a year, but every week!

Wayne Jackson (christiancourier.com)

Do Something

I went out for baseball in junior high. I have never been much of an athlete, but I decided to try it. I was playing one of the infield positions and a ground ball came my way. I fielded it right on the edge of the outfield. There were runners on base going to the next bases. I thought about throwing to first base. Then I thought maybe I had a better chance of getting the base runner. I could not decide; so I hesitated. As I looked back and forth holding the ball, everybody was safe on what should have been an easy out, possibly even a double play. The coach came running out toward where I was and angrily said, “Look, Cecil, do something, even if it’s wrong!”

Coach was not really saying it was all right to do the wrong thing. He was recognizing, however, that doing nothing is always wrong. Do something and at least you might be right.

A preacher organized for his congregation what he called a “quitting meeting,” urging every member of his church to renounce some sin they had been guilty of and to promise to quit it. Some promised to quit gossiping, some to quit drinking. The response was quite varied. Then one older gentleman arose and said, “I ain’t been doing nothing, and I aim to quit it!” That is something a great many people ought to quit.

There is only one way to be saved. Jesus said, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me” (John 14:6 ESV). There are, however, many ways to be lost, many sinful lifestyles one may choose to follow. It is, after all, a “wide gate” that leads to destruction (Matthew 7:13). One of the easiest ways to be lost is just to do nothing. Jesus says, “Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven” (v. 21), and “Why do you call me ‘Lord, Lord,’ and not do what I tell you?” (Luke 6:46). The Bible also says, “So whoever knows the right thing to do and fails to do it, for him it is sin” (James 4:17).

Christianity is too often defined by what Christians do not do, and certainly there are sinful things, even questionable things, from which Christians ought to abstain. However, we need to be better known for what we do than for what

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Television

The Truth In Love (Robert Dodson)

Sunday @ 7:00am on KTAB

In Search of the Lord’s Way (Phil Sanders)

Sunday @ 7:30am on KTAB

Life In The Light (Chris McCurley)

Sunday @ 10:00am on KTAB

Radio

Preaching the Word (Michael Light)

Sunday @ 9:00am on KOXE 101.3

Internet

TheGospelRadioNetwork.org

Gospel Broadcasting Network (Gbnv.org)

God’s Plan for Redeeming Man

Hear Learn the saving message of Christ’s sacrifice (1 Cor. 1:18; Rom. 10:17).

Believe Jesus is the Son of God (John 8:24)

Confess Jesus as your Lord, Lawgiver, and King (Rom. 10:9-10; Matt. 10:32-33)

Repent of your sinful conduct (Luke 13:3,5)

Complete your initial obedience to the gospel by being **baptized** for the forgiveness of your sins (Acts 2:38; 22:16)

Live faithfully (Rev. 2:10; 2 Tim. 4:7-8)

Bible Reading Schedule

Apr. 1 2 Samuel 1—3
Apr. 2 2 Samuel 4—6
Apr. 3 2 Samuel 7—10
Apr. 4 2 Samuel 11—13
Apr. 5 2 Samuel 14—16
Apr. 6 2 Samuel 17—19
Apr. 7 2 Samuel 20—21
Apr. 8 2 Samuel 22—24

“Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.”

(2 Timothy 2:15)



Visitation Meeting

- ◆ Each Sunday night immediately before the evening worship. Last week **46 contacts** were made.

Announcements

- ◆ **First Sunday Fellowship Meal Today.**
- ◆ **Gospel Meeting at Hamilton** today through Wednesday with **Jason Rollo.**

Upcoming Special Events at 4th & Stewart

- ◆ August 14—Host Summer Youth Series.
- ◆ October 14-17—Fall Gospel Meeting with Jacob Rutledge.

Other Upcoming Opportunities to Learn and Grow

- ◆ April 1-4—Gospel Meeting @ Hamilton w/ Jason Rollo.
- ◆ April 14—Ladies' Day @ Hwy. 36 Church of Christ, "The Different Hats We Wear—God's Roles for Me"
- ◆ April 15-18—Gospel Meeting @ Lake Shore Drive (Waco) w/ Wes McAdams.
- ◆ April 27-28—Heart of Texas Ladies Retreat @ Brady
- ◆ April 28—Ladies' Day @ Comanche, "Be Still and Know that I Am God"
- ◆ May 5—Cherokee Day @ Cherokee Home for Children
- ◆ May 5-10—Focal Point @ University (San Marcos).
- ◆ May 23-28—Young Men's Development Conference @ College Station (BSC Church of Christ)
- ◆ June 17-21—Lakes Shore Drive Junior Camp (Grades 2-7)
- ◆ June 24-28—Junior Camp
- ◆ July 15-20—Senior Camp

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we do not do: showing compassion to the unfortunate, feeding the hungry, helping the widow and the orphan, caring for the sick and loving everyone.

Most of us recognize two categories of sin: sins of commission and sins of omission. However, when confessing sins, it seems most often that we acknowledge sins of commission. Confessing opportunities for good where we passed by on the other side without rendering needed aid seems to be rarer. How many visits to hurting, lonely church members did we fail to make? How many opportunities to say a word for Jesus to someone who needs to know Him did we miss? We recognize specific violations of morality as sin, but our greater problem may be that of not doing what we ought to do.

Significant and controversial issues come under discussion at specific times and places. What they are varies from time to time and from place to place. Preachers or teachers are labeled "sound" or "unsound," depending on their views regarding the particular issues being argued where they are. It sometimes seems that, as long as they were "correct" on those specific issues (that is, as long as they agreed with "those who seemed to be somewhat" – Galatians 2:6 KJV), they were "sound" and well-received and used, even if they were seriously lacking in some areas of morality or ministry. It is certainly important to be correct about vital biblical issues, but neither correct worship nor correct doctrinal understandings excuse immorality or failure to do to others as we would want them to do to us.

The lawyer to whom Jesus told the parable of the good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37) was right about everything Jesus asked him. He correctly summed up the law as "Love God and love your neighbor." He got the point of the parable, answering, "He that showed mercy to him," to the question, "Who proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?" In both cases Jesus emphasized to him, "Do this and you will live," and "You go and do likewise."

To all of us, God says, "Do something!"

Cecil May, Jr. (Gospel Advocate, July 2016)

Celebrate

"Rejoice with those who rejoice..." (Romans 12:15)

April Birthdays: Vicki Tallent (4), Lasha Dennis (6), Sarah Rudloff (6), Ginger King (8), Jimmie Claborn (9), Kristi Maninger (9), Becky Smith (9), Darlene Smith (10), Caroline Dennis (30).

April Anniversaries: John & Tina Barnum (8).

Mistakes? Left Out? Let Johnny know...



Records

	Mar. 18, 2018	Mar. 25, 2018
Bible Class	47	75
AM Worship	68	82
PM Worship	48	46
Wednesday PM	38	44
Contribution	\$2,433	\$2,333

	This Week: 4/1/18	Next Week: 4/8/18		
Sunday AM:	Song Leader: Mike Bannister	Song Leader: Mike Bannister	April 2018 Make Announcements: John Barnum Prepare Communion: Dennis Family Clean Building: John Barnum Family	
Greeters	Dennis Family	James & Cindy Fuller		
Opening Prayer	Allen Griffith	John Barnum		
Communion	James Thomas*, Larry Petty Randy Huckaby, Jack Turner	Ken Maninger*, Chase Churchwell Hank Wheeler, Rafe Smith		
Closing Prayer	John Barnum	Gene Bannister		
Attendance Cards	Aaron Smith	Ian Barnum		
Sunday PM:	Song Leader: Ken Maninger	Song Leader: James Fuller		
Opening Prayer	James Fuller	Tom Wilcox		
Scripture Reading	Ryan Rudloff	Allen Griffith	May 2018 Make Announcements: TBA Prepare Communion: TBA Clean Building: Mike & Patti Bannister	
Communion	James Thomas	Ken Maninger		
Closing Prayer	Gene Bannister	Don Smith		
Wednesday Devotionals:	April 4 Prayer Night	April 11 Ryan Rudloff		

Search the Scriptures

Be like the Bereans who "received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so." (Acts 17:11)

Studies for the week of April 1, 2018

Sunday Class **Romans 11:2**
 Wed. Class **Old Testament History: Genesis 21:1**

Implications of the Resurrection

1 Corinthians 15:12-19

The resurrection of Jesus from the dead implies...

I. The Identity of Jesus – He is the Son of God.

- As sure as Jesus has been risen from the dead, you can be sure that He is the Son of God (Rom. 1:4).
- The prophets prophesied in this regard (Ps. 2:7; Jn. 1:29-34).
- Jesus said Himself that He was the Son of God (Jn. 9:35-38; Mt. 16:15-17).
- The apostles said He was the Son of God.
 - John (Jn. 20:30-31).
 - Peter (Acts 3:26)
 - Paul (Acts 9:20).

II. The Injunction of Baptism – Baptism Is Necessary for Salvation.

- As sure as Jesus was risen from the dead, you can be sure that baptism is necessary for salvation.
- After His resurrection and before His ascension, Jesus gave the apostles the Great Commission. He did so upon the authority of His resurrection (Mt. 28:18-20; Mk. 16:15-16).
- Paul states in Romans 6:1-10 that baptism is in the likeness of the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus.
- Paul writes in Colossians 2:12 that baptism is our statement of faith that we believe Jesus was raised from the dead.
- The power of the resurrection to save is in baptism (1 Pet. 3:21).

III. The Insurance of Our Own Resurrection – Because He Was Risen, We Can Be Sure That We Will Be Risen as Well.

- Jesus said upon the occasion of Lazarus' resurrection in John 11:24-26.
- Our hope for resurrection is based upon His resurrection (1 Pet. 1:3).
- Paul writes numerous times concerning the relationship of Jesus' resurrection to our resurrection (1 Cor. 15:20-21; 1 Thess. 4:13-18).

IV. The Inspection of All Mankind in the Final Judgment Day – God Will Judge All Mankind.

- Jesus said in John 5:28-29.
- Paul told the Athenians in Acts 17:30-31.
- 2 Corinthians 5:1-10.

Galatians 4:21-31 – Justification: Not by Law but by Faith in Christ (6)

The Allegory of Hagar and Sarah

- "Tell me, you who desire to be under the law, do you not hear the law?" (21).
 - Paul is going to call the Law as a witness against itself.
 - "Bring out your main witness. Let us hear what he has to say in your defense. You are about to learn that he is, in fact, our main witness".
 - The "law" that Paul goes on to reference was not the law of Moses, but the Torah – specifically Genesis 16-21.
- Paul introduced his allegorical teaching: "For it is written that Abraham had two sons: the one by a bondwoman, the other by a freewoman" (22).
 - This statement is also based on the narrative of Genesis 16-21.
 - "But he who was of the bondwoman was born according to the flesh, and he of the freewoman through promise" (23).
 - Ishmael was born in the completely normal way of human procreation, through the sexual union of Abraham and Hagar.
 - Technically speaking, Isaac was born to Sarah in the same way – however, the decisive difference was Abraham's faith, believing in hope where, humanly regarded, there was no hope (Rom. 4:18).
 - Paul gave the key to interpreting verses 24-26 when he said, "Which things are symbolic" [This is allegorically speaking – NASB] (24).
- In v. 28, Paul begins to make his application of the allegory.
 - "Now we, brethren, as Isaac was, are children of promise" (28).
 - The contrasting roles of the two sons are further developed.
 - Ishmael, the son of Hagar, "was born according to the flesh" (29).
 - Isaac, the son of Sarah, "was born according to the Spirit".
 - In those days, Ishmael "persecuted" Isaac, and "even so it is now".
 - What spiritual truth did this example hold for these Christians?
 - Jews according to the flesh had no inheritance in the kingdom.
 - Rather, the sole inheritance under the new covenant is for Christians who have been born of the Spirit (Isaac).
 - "So then, brethren, we are not children of the bondwoman but of the free" (31).
 - Christians are not sons of the covenant from Sinai, the Law.
 - The meaning of the allegory rests in the distinction between the two covenants.