

# Make Church a Part of Your Life

## WEEKLY SERMONETTE

### "Ever-Flowing Life of Easter"

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When Jesus was crucified on the Cross, and was raised again on the third day, He got victory over sin and death and that purchased the abundant life in Christ which is available to all who will surrender to His Lordship.

The Apostle Paul, moved by the Holy Spirit, wrote a powerful truth that should govern the lives of all Christians who desire to enjoy the "Ever-flowing Life of Easter," "For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. And He died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for Him who died for them and was raised again." (2 Corinthians 5:14-15)

Easter has a whole lot more for you than just a special Sunday for family meals. Easter is about coming alive. The heart that understands what Jesus accomplished on the

first Easter births forth a "Life Filled with Meaning," and "Life Freed by Grace."

We live in an area that if we are willing to work hard we can enjoy pleasure, money, acceptance, recognition, position, possessions, and recre-

ation. Compared to many parts of the world, we really do have the good life. "The Good Life" has a way of hiding the truth for a while. Life is not supposed to work unless it is Christ-centered. A Christ-centered life is lived by allowing the

Holy Spirit of God to move you to live in a way that shows God's grace upon your life. A Christ-centered life reflects a heart that is concerned about the testimony of Jesus among those who claim His name.

The Christian life that has a good testimony for the Lord is a new creation in Christ, is freed by grace and accepts the Gift, Jesus Christ from God.

Your life can be an expression of the truths of the Easter story by allowing the Holy Spirit to place this truth within your spiritual heart, "And if Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you. He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit, who lives in you." (Romans 8:11)



**Salvation is ours because of Christ's** crucifixion upon the cross. He died so that we could be forgiven. Salvation is God's gift to us; in return we can grow in wisdom and in the Spirit and spread God's love to others. In 1 John 4:16-17, we read, "God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in him. In this way love is made complete among us." This Easter, accept God's gift of love and share it with joy!

Weekly Scripture Reading						
Matthew 21.1-17	Matthew 21.18-46	Matthew 26.1-35	Matthew 26.36-75	Matthew 27.1-26	Matthew 27.27-56	Matthew 27.57-66

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