

The Meaning of Easter



The death of the Lord Jesus Christ upon the cross and His bodily resurrection from the dead are the crowning facts and supreme proof of Christianity. It is vital that you understand what this means for you. The Holy Bible tells us that although in the beginning the one God in Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit made us to enjoy fellowship with Him, we became rebellious and fellowship with God is now broken, with all guilty of breaking God's holy laws (Rom 3:23), and that it is appointed for us to face judgement after we die (Heb 9:27). How can we be saved and made right with a just and holy God who must punish sin? The good news is that God, who is also full of compassion, has provided a way for us to hear a different verdict than 'guilty' at the last judgement and thereby we are able to be saved from everlasting punishment in hell. He has sent a Saviour in the person of the Lord Jesus Christ, God the Son incarnate who is fully God and fully man, without sin.

Christ's death on the cross paid the price owed by us for breaking God's holy laws so that we can be saved. The Holy Bible tells us that all who believe in Christ have their sins forgiven, 'blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us' (Col. 2:14).

Jesus has taken the page out of the book on which our guilt was written, and has, as it were, poured ink over it, so that nothing can be read from it again. We can no longer be condemned because the record of our sins is justly removed. Jesus was condemned to death on the cross, not for anything He had done, as He was sinless, but as the sacrifice God required to take away our sins in our place.

The resurrection of Christ is a demonstrable historical fact; 'Now is Christ risen from the dead' (1 Cor. 15:20). His resurrection makes His promise of a free salvation trustworthy, giving those who believe in Him 'a lively hope' (1 Pet. 1:3). Easter is a time for Christians to celebrate the resurrection of Christ, His victory over sin and death, and His promise of everlasting joy in heaven. But the Holy Bible makes it clear that the forgiveness of sins, made possible by Christ's death on the cross and His resurrection from the dead, only applies to those who repent and believe the Gospel. Therefore, humbly acknowledge and confess to God that you have offended against His Holy laws, and with a contrite heart ask Christ to save you, and take His rightful place as Lord of your life.

**Jesus Christ,
the same yesterday,
and today, and for ever.**

Heb 13:8.



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