



Chaplain's Corner

HE HAS RISEN

Easter Sunday; to many it means the Easter bunny, a day of food and celebration. For some it is an obligatory church-attending holiday, after which life goes on as usual.

How sad that we have so quickly forgotten the true meaning of Easter. Our God reigns! Jesus Christ died, yes. But even more importantly, He rose again and is now seated at the right hand of God the Father, as we say in the Lord's Prayer.

Jesus Christ literally defied death. He defied death FOREVER. Jesus Christ lives and reigns for eternity, whether you or I believe that fact or not. He has reclaimed life for all those who believe in Him. This is the second miracle of Easter. Through God's work on the cross, we have access to eternal life as well:

For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile. For in the gospel a righteousness from God is revealed, a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: 'The righteous will live by faith' (Romans 1:16-17).

If you confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved (Romans 10:9-10).

Whosoever acknowledges me before men, I will also acknowledge him before my Father in heaven. But whoever disowns me before men, I will disown him before my Father in heaven (Matt. 10:32-33).

Please consider today the wonder of God's power and His love for you. He knows you. He knows what you have done. He knows what you are going to do. But He is waiting for your response, my friend. God doesn't **need** your praise or your service to Him; He **desires** it. It is not what we do for God that gets us into heaven and gives us a right relationship with God. It is only by faith in Jesus Christ. Look at these Scriptures:

Know that a man is not justified by observing 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 observing the law, because by observing the law no one will be justified (Galatians 2:16).

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith -- and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God -- not by works so that no one can boast (Ephesians 2:8-9).

Can God change your life?

God has made it possible for you to know Him and experience an amazing change in your own life

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Renee Cass – Keep Renee in your thoughts and prayers, as she is on the mend from Rotator Cuff Surgery and a broken, surgically repaired wrist.

LV Davis – LV is home and doing better, continue to uplift him and his family in prayer.

Donna Clark – God knows the need and has the healing and comforting power.

Peggy Flathmann - God knows the need and has the healing and comforting power.

Keep all of our members in your thoughts and prayer, and continue to uplift the needs of the stakeholders we meet daily on calls.