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"And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation 2 Corinthians 5:18

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If you are interest in submitting an article to the magazine. Please submit your article and contact information to a local editor to your area for consideration. Thank you for your interest My pastor once said, "When Jesus justified me it was just as if I had *never* committed the offence." Wow! That is huge. That is love. Furthermore, when God forgives he casts our sins into the sea of forgetfulness (ref Micah 7:19). The Merriam Webster dictionary defines *justify* as, "to judge, regard, or treat as righteous and worthy of salvation."

A few days ago I overheard part of a conversation in which one man told the other, "Man, I forgive, but I never forget." What a contrast to how Jesus forgives! I can identify with the man though, because whenever someone does or says something and I feel hurt as a result I want to protect myself from future hurts. So in order to not be vulnerable I keep the memory in place. In my case, as in the man's, I have not justified my offender

The Word says, "That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit." (John 3:6 KJV) It is interesting to note that it is not my spirit which wants to protect me, for my spirit cannot be hurt. It is my flesh – otherwise known as my ego; and I defend my position by declaring that I am only human. And that is quite accurate. But I am exhorted to walk in the Spirit and not fulfill the desires of my flesh.

Judith Allwood

The apostle Paul himself encountered this and said, "For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other..." Galatians 5:17 (AMP). So how will this battle be won? Only with love.

It is with love that Jesus takes us as if we've never offended Him. Perfect love casts out all fear – fear of being hurt again included. That is our choice, albeit a difficult one.

The words of a popular song says, "Loving you is easy 'cause you're beautiful" and it speaks on behalf of all humanity. But the moment that "beautiful" goes against our perception of beauty and deserving we cease to love and start judging and punishing. But true love penetrates the unlovable, and while it is not easy, like any other learned skill it can be developed. If you can drive you may recall when you first started. I know a 45-minute drive took me four hours when I first started to learn. Now, I am in the 45-minute league (lol).

I had a landlord who was being uncooperative and harassing. With each event I resented him the more and bad-mouthed him to my neighbors. In my distress one morning, I started to pray for God to relieve me of him. Like some of the biblical psalmists, I wished and imagined God's wrath causing really bad things to happen to him. In the middle of my praying I became aware of this person's need for love because, in my reasoning, no one experiencing love behaves the way he did. In that moment I changed my prayers asking God to flood him with love and to forgive me for my unloving thoughts and use me to show compassion.

A few days later he came to my apartment and I could sense his combative demeanor. Instead of reacting, I engaged him in a quiet conversation. His shoulders dropped and he started to soften and for the first time in months he was able to hear me and take the time to look at the broken and malfunctioning things I was trying to communicate to him. From then on I refused to entertain negative thoughts or talks about him. Even after I moved out I was able to be cordial with him whenever I ran into him.

Expressing love became so much easier than the efforts it took to avoid, resent, and deal with the anger and hatred that focusing on his negative attributes unleashed within me. Love lifted me and I drew him up with me and now when I think of him it's just as if he had never done anything to make my tenancy miserable.

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A DEBT THAT WE COULDN'T PAY Evangelist Ella J. Alexander

"Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many." Matthew 20:28

Just like many people that take out loans or have credit cards and end up with some form of debt. In time many can pay their debt, but for others...they just can't. Regardless of how they started out the end results were they owed; they had a debt that they couldn't pay.

This is the time when almost every church and minister wants to push the message about Jesus dying for our sins. They push what took place on the cross and how Jesus was whipped beyond recognition. Have we forgotton what cause Jesus to be whipped? Have we turned our heads to the fact that it was our sins that Jesus went through what He did? No pointing fingers at each other because both the saved and the unsaved have sinned knowingly and unknowingly. Today we still owe Jesus our life. We owe Him our time. When Jesus went to the cross, he wiped out our debt. He had to give his life for something He did not do. All God wanted was to fellowship with His best creation, but creation turned their backs on God. Creation did what it wanted and the results were a tragedy.

The good news is that Jesus paid it all. Not just in this season or for the week of Easter as most people call it, but this is a message that needs to be preached throughout the year. Some believe and still walk away; while others just continue to reject the message.

How would you feel if it was the other way around? What if you were all comfortable in Heaven and your creation turned against you? Would you come down and give your life for a sinful generation? Yeah, think about that.

God loves us so much and yes I am talking to you not just the unsaved. God loves us so much that our debt was not something that He chose to ignore. He wanted to show us that we would never be able to pay that debt because every single moment we lived upon the earth, we created even more debt by continuing to sin. Just like a good and great Father, He did what was necessary to regain His children back into His arms. He paid the debt with His own blood. He wiped it clean.

A brother by the name of Michael Crayton came to fellowship with us and he got up and sung in a soft voice, "Jesus I'll Never Forget". That song should remind us that we had a debt that we couldn't pay, but Jesus did. It was like having your house taken away because you couldn't pay the mortgage and taxes, but Jesus comes along pay what is owed and moves you back into your home. Isn't God a good good Father?

THE KING & I" MARK 15:34 By Elder Diane Harvell

It is difficult to understand in what sense Jesus was "forsaken" by God. It is certain that God approved His work. It is certain that Jesus was innocent. He had done nothing to forfeit the favor of God. As God's own Son he was-holy, harmless, undefiled, and obedient-God still loved Him. God could not have forsaken Him.

Prophet Isaiah says-53:4, "Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. 5-"But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our

iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed."

Galatians 3:13- says Jesus redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us. He was made a Sin offering, and He died in our place, on our account, that He might bring us near to God.

Also to me, what intensified His sufferings, when he walked upon the earth, He Blessed the children, He had compassion on the multitudes and fed thousands, He healed the sick, cast out demons, raised the dead, he walked on water, changed water into wine, and multiplied loaves and fishes, but the priests, scribes and Pharisees tried to make Him less than who He was and called him a blasphemer.

The chief priests, elders and scribes conspired to kill him and to bring about condemnation but couldn't find a reason. He was betrayed with a kiss by one of His own, and all the disciples that were once with Him forsook Him and fled. Many bare false witness against Him, they lied on

Him and twisted His words and they laid their hands on Him and had an illegal trial in the middle of the night!

After Jesus had served Communion to His disciples, he retreated to the Garden of Gethsemane to pray where He often prayed. But Judas with a band of men and soldiers came with lamps, torches, and weapons. They entered into God's Holy place and took Him to the unholy place of The Tower of Antonia! This tower was a massive complex which had a large inner courtyard for these specially trained soldiers of about 600 who were equipped with the finest weaponry.

It makes you wonder what did Judas tell the Sanhedrin? Why did they come with so much weaponry & violence?

They condemned Him guilty! Some spit on Him, smacked Him in the face, they tied Him up, He was denied by Peter, He was labeled as if He were a condemned criminal, they took Him to Pilate the so called governor of Judea who ordered Him to be whipped. The whole band of soldiers about 3 to 600, had sport with Him. Mocked Him put on Him a purple robe making fun of royalty, and placed a crown of thorns on his head, saluted Him, hit Him on the head, bowed and fakely worshipped Him. Then led Him out to crucify Him! They had Him carry His cross said to be of 80 to 100 pounds.

They took Him to a place of death the place of skulls, "Golgotha" and Crucified Him! They placed a sign of inscription above His head which read "The King of the Jews!" Then they took his garments and gambled who should have what part of them.

Jesus was numbered with transgressors and sinners! Those who passed by made fun of Him! "Save yourself now, come down from the cross!" "You saved others, now save yourself!" Even the transgressors reviled Him!

It was at the third hour they crucified Him. By the 6th hour the earth got dark, and by the 9th hour I believe that's when all of these things begin to resonate. So many times it has been said God the Father could not look on the Sin that was upon Jesus. But how can God not bear to see the "sins" on His only begotten Son who knew no sin but He sees ours every day?!! God

separated Himself from himself because he hates sin!! So even at the point of seeing hate put on himself Jesus still said Father forgive them!!!!

From all of this, and all of the events that had taken place, Jesus cried because He was in so much pain!!! But most importantly his FLESH had to die before He was gloried!!!! This was the last cry of His flesh, "My God, My God, Why hast thou forsaken me!" Jesus was hurting everywhere physically but nowhere spiritually!

Jesus is the most betrayed Person which ever lived!!! The most lied on! The most misunderstood! The most abused! The most accused! The most persecuted! The most rejected! The most disliked! The most abandoned! And the most disappointed!

So flesh cried out, "My God, My God why hast thou forsaken me!"

After all, "Eternity" had been with "Eternity" since the beginning of time. But Jesus' flesh had to suffer for us in order for God's glory to be revealed in earth. Jesus took on all of this so we didn't have to! He did not die but He gave up the Ghost! And now He sits on the right hand of the Father with all power! He is now "King Jesus." And because of this, Philippians 4:13 says, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me"! He died so that He can be my personal savior. He is my Lord and Savior, He is my King. The King and I!

THY KINGDOM COME THY WILL BE DONE IN EARTH, AS IT IS IN HEAVEN

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THE REDEMPTION: The Price Was Paid

Eoangelist Stacie L. Daniels

The month of April is a time when the resurrection of Jesus Christ is celebrated! It is also a time of reflection on the sufferings, persecution, and extreme sacrifices Jesus Christ paid for mankind. His beloved Father in Heaven was willing to offer up his only begotten Son and the Son was willing to be subject to the will of the Father so that we could gain eternal life.

We are all familiar with John 3:16 'For God so loved the world, that He gave his only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.' The Bible further goes on to declare in Romans 5:8 'But God commended his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. The price that Jesus paid allowed us to be reconciled back to God although we could never earn or merit the gift of salvation. Through his sacrificial offering we have gained redemption.

What does it mean to be redeemed? According to the Merriam Webster Dictionary, the word redeem means to repurchase, atone for, or to make free and clear from harm. No other sacrifice was fitting in God's eyes to restore man except his precious Son given as a lamb. He was slaughtered that we may live. Not too many people want to give up something precious or valuable in their eyes. However, God went to the extreme for mankind in sacrificing his Son even when He knew that his Son would be spat on, ridiculed, mocked, beat to a bloody pulp, called names, and crucified. Jesus was willing to endure all of this that He and we might gain victory! Nonetheless, still everyday his sacrifice is being trampled when we do not obey his word, when we choose to reject him, and when we commit transgressions against others.

It is so refreshing to have a day to commemorate the sacrifice that Jesus made and the fact that He is alive today! If we reflect on this, it alone should offer hope to the hopeless and joy to the sorrowful. Since He is risen, we can rise above any obstacle, trial, or hardship. He declared in Matthew 28:18 'All power is given unto me in heaven and in the earth.' Therefore, since Jesus has the power we can be confident that we can overcome any sickness, disease, peril, distress, disaster, or heartache. Situations may arise that can present circumstances that seem insurmountable or impossible but the word of God tells us in Luke 19:26 that all things are possible with God. If Jesus can resurrect the dead and be resurrected, surely, He can bring life and light to what may feel like the darkest valley or trial. He is alive and well. Thank God for redemption!

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CELEBRATE A NEV/LIFE, IN CHRIST JESUS!

Dr. Claude A. Dangerfield II

When we really stop to think and look into all the events that happened during this season Passover and Easter. We should always be able to come away with a greater understanding of who Jesus is and really what he taught us and still is teaching us on today. During the Passover celebration he already knew that he was going to be betrayed by one of his own yet he didn't go and hide because he also understood his purpose. When he was taken before Pilate he never was confrontational. When he was brutally beaten and ridiculed and killed by the same people which he had taught and healed. When they chose a thief and a murderer over him to be freed and forgiven. His purpose and insight was greater for a people who are so undeserving who now had been deceived by the spirit of Satan yet again, contentment and Malice for one who had so much love for them. After he was nailed to the cross the greatest sermon and of act of love was fulfilled, in saying this I reference his grace and mercy.

Here now Jesus is before his father carrying everything wrong we have ever done upon himself to beg our forgiveness. Also even unto death he says to his father "forgive them for they know not what they do". We will never understand what it felt like to be Jesus the overall agony and humiliation he endured. But the fight for us still continued after the crucifixion because he went and confront death, hell and the grave to complete the Redemption process and fulfill his mission. And delivered what would be the ultimate knockout punch. He fulfilled his promise when he got up from death and inherited his ultimate power. He fulfilled becoming the greatest name above all names Jesus the Christ. And did what no other could do.



When we as men have our own eyes open as well as our understanding it becomes our greatest Victory, Peace and Power in Jesus and we then too rise again in Jesus to life and that more abundantly..So, celebrate a new life in Christ, celebrate a new freedom, love and understanding of the greatest gift God gave to mankind. Celebrate strength, celebrate your purpose as you receive your Resurrection in Jesus and live out your purpose and love for others.

Could we at least do this in the sight of others so they too can gain these truths. How can you and I help others by sharing our experience to illustrate all of the possibilities that lead to overwhelming victories. By being transparent so others can see the transformation. So they can too understand why we wait and keep pn believing in his power to bring about a change in our lives. By being transparent so they can see what it takes to make it all so worth it. When you have peace and contentment in Christ Jesus. Prove that it does make a difference in your life to have a relationship with Jesus because this is the ultimate fulfillment to encounter and experience.



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ALL ABOUT HEALTH Stacie L. Daniels, RN.

CHAMOMILE

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Chamomile contain natural anti-inflammatories similar in action to that of nonsteroidal anti-inflammatories (NSAIDS). This herb also contains chemical properties that are antibacterial and antifungal. It is soothing to the skin and used in skin creams and cleansers.

The possible health benefits for this herb include: aiding digestion, calming or relaxing effect on the body, relief for back pain, treatment for rheumatoid arthritis, soothing for skin irritations and good for sunburn. The use of chamomile can be traced back to the ancient Egyptians. It has a long history for its physiological beneficial properties.

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Botanical name: Matricaria recutita

Family: Asteraceae

Chamomile

Parts used: flowering tops

Plant Energetics: sweet, bitter, neutral temperature

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THE RISEN SAVIDUR That's what Easter is about.

Dr .Claude Dangerfield II

When we wake up on the morning of Easter Sunday we should be celebrating what is the greatest acts of love known to mankind. It bothers me that I see more stories about an Easter bunny and colored eggs. What's the significance of this and even as an adult I really cannot understand its purpose. The other sad thing is that in my travels I see churches having Easter egg hunts giving in to these customs of the world. And I still don't understand the significance of the Easter Bunny.

So I researched it for knowledge for both you and I and here is what I found.

From History.com Easter symbols and traditions. "You won't find them in the Bible, but many cherished Easter traditions have been around for centuries. The most prominent secular symbol of the Christian holiday, the Easter bunny reportedly was introduced to America by the German immigrants who brought over their stories of an egg-laying hare. The decoration of eggs is believed to date back to at least the 13th century, while the rite of the Easter parade has even older roots. Other traditions, such as the consumption of Easter candy, are among the modern additions to the celebration of this early springtime holiday.".

EASTER BUNNY

"The Bible makes no mention of a long-eared, short-tailed creature who delivers decorated eggs to well-behaved children on Easter Sunday; nevertheless, the Easter bunny has become a prominent symbol of Christianity's most important holiday. The exact origins of this mythical mammal are unclear, but rabbits, known to be prolific procreators, are an ancient symbol of fertility and new life. According to some sources, the Easter bunny first arrived in America in the 1700s with German immigrants who settled in Pennsylvania and transported their tradition of an egg-laying hare called "Osterhase" or "Oschter Haws." Their children made nests in which this creature could lay its colored eggs. Eventually, the custom spread across the U.S. and the fabled rabbit's Easter morning deliveries expanded to include chocolate and other types of candy and gifts, while decorated baskets replaced nests. Additionally, children often left out carrots for the bunny in case he got hungry from all his hopping.".



EASTER EGGS

Easter is a religious holiday, but some of its customs, such as Easter eggs, are likely linked to pagan traditions. The egg, an ancient symbol of new life, has been associated with pagan festivals celebrating spring. From a Christian perspective, Easter eggs are said to represent Jesus' emergence from the tomb and resurrection. Decorating eggs for Easter is a tradition that dates back to at least the 13th century, according to some sources. One explanation for this custom is that eggs were formerly a forbidden food during the Lenten season, so people would paint and decorate them to mark the end of the period of penance and fasting, then eat them on Easter as a celebration.

Really we should be educating our children on selfless Love and teaching them what it takes to love people who have wronged you.

Have we really lost sight of reality when we find ourselves celebrating a bunny, colored eggs, jelly beans and a whole host of other things on this very significant day?

We who say we love him why haven't we bought this question to light? Why do we participate when we know the truth? Isn't facts better then fiction?

Why is it important to have other forms Incorporated on these days that we celebrate the birth and Resurrection of Jesus Christ? These are distractions from truth and we use our children as an excuse to present them and later question why our children have picked up on strange customs and have such a strange way of life. The answer is simple we have planted the seeds that have produced these fruits. So now the truth gets pushed further to the back of the minds of our children when they in fact need to be in the Forefront of their minds for the education of future Generations to sustain truth and understanding of who Jesus is.

To this matter is a bunny ever going to died on a cross to redeem mankind back to God?

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The Weight of His Glory

Minister Mark Dudley

Mark 8:34-9:1 (NRSV)

C.S. Lewis argued that to some "Glory" means:

•Fame = to be known

•Luminosity = to be seen

•Fame and luminosity are both antithetical to the biblical definition of the Christian experience and Jesus' definition of discipleship.

Don't trade authenticity for approval. People will say what they want to say, so you might as well be who you truly are. Why did Jesus have to suffer and die on the cross? •God's plan.

•The Father's command to the Son.

•Only way for us to be forgiven and for God to get the glory out of our lives.

Jesus says: If you want to follow me...deny yourself. (Mark 8:34) It's not about me, it's all about Him. Sometimes God will push you to change not because you did anything wrong; but because monotony doesn't require faith.

Prosperity Theology is all about me and sometimes we think we are our own masters. If the first step of denying yourself is not working, then you must try your ultimate step which is God. Admit to God "I tried this before and God I can't do it by myself." Sometimes God has to push you and when you're about to fall God gives you a life vest. By admitting this God, you must be willing to deny yourself and start over. This is your celebration day, which is your new day in Jesus Christ.

The problem some of us have with denying ourselves is that we are married to traditions even when those traditions don't work. God looks beyond our faults... Every now and then God will push you into change not because you did anything wrong; but because monotony doesn't require faith. It is necessary for you to take up your cross daily. Too many people want the blessings of Christ without the burdens of the cross.

You can't let people's opinion of you stop you from going after what God has for you; if you do, then that will result in you laying down your cross never to be picked up again.

You don't know what I've been told by God! Too many people want the glory from the cross without the burden of the cross. Must Jesus bear the cross alone? No, there is a cross for every one. Taking up your cross is not always easy.

There is a difference between starting and starting over. When you start, you are starting something from the beginning; a new way. When you start over, you are starting something from the way you done it before. When you take up your cross and you think you are about to retire God will give you the strength to go on and gives you a new vision. The Bible encourages us to keep following Jesus even when you don't want to.

A caterpillar on or around the 15th day will be tapped inside the cocoon during that time until it is released. It is similar in our lives when we are surrounded with circumstances, problems and burdens; it is there we meet Jesus. God will make a way of escape from the things that trap us, that try to prevent us from transforming. Only then will God come and release us. Remember while the caterpillar is trapped in the caving it is not dying but growing; we don't die in our circumstances, we grow. So understand while we are going through our struggles, God will give us the victory for us to become a butterfly so that we can fly. The battle is not ours, but the Lord.

Just like the butterfly when it released from the cocoon it has two wings so it can fly, you too can fly. You are that butterfly that now has two wings which is better than many legs you lost as a caterpillar. Only when you are released will you the manifestation of the blood worked on your behalf. The blood of Jesus still works. For the caterpillar to become a butterfly, God had to allow its season to change causing pressure upon the caterpillar to enter into the chrysalis. The weight/pressure caused the caterpillar to change into a butterfly. Nothing but the power of the blood will be able to deliver us. As believers of God, the weight of glory is our cross. Whenever you deny yourself the will of God will be revealed. Keep following Jesus even when the weight is your shoulders. But the good news is: We all have the opportunity to experience the weight of His Glory.

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When the LORD saw Moses coming to take a closer look, God called to him from the middle of the bush, "Moses! Moses!"

"Here I am!" Moses replied.

⁵ "Do not come any closer," the LORD warned. "Take off your sandals, for you are standing on holy ground. ⁶ J am the God of your father^[C]—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." When Moses heard this, he covered his face because he was afraid to look at God....Exodus 3:4-6



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