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From Heaven's Heart

“Easter is Over but the Miracles Continue”

Three thousand people became members of Christ's church on the day of Pentecost when Peter preached his very first sermon and the numbers grew day after day. Remember Peter! Denied knowing Jesus...Three Times. Afraid he too would be discovered, put in jail, put to death. The fear was now gone forever. He saw Jesus die and was raised from the grave. That will get rid of the fear. Easter is over but the miracles continue.

Peter and John are on their way to the Temple to pray. As they arrived at the gate, a man who had been crippled all his life was there begging. His friends would carry him there each day to beg for money as people passed to pray. When the poor man saw Peter and John, he asked them to give him something. “Look here,” Peter said. “I have no silver or gold, but what I do have, I will give to you in the name of Jesus, get up and walk.” Peter reached out his hand grabbing the hand of the crippled man raising him to his feet and he walked and he danced and he ran and the people were astonished at what they saw. Then Peter tells the crowd. “We didn't do this. It was no power of our own but it is God who healed this man and He did it to glorify His Son Jesus. This Jesus is the same man you betrayed and put to death and He rose again from the grave”. Easter is over but the miracles continue.

The high priest saw more and more people becoming members of Christ's church and became more alarmed. They thought they had put an end to this madness by killing Jesus but they only started a fire in the hearts of His followers and now more and more people were following Jesus. Even arresting and beating these followers was not working. They gladly suffered for their Lord. Soon Jerusalem became a dangerous place for followers of Christ. But it didn't stop them. *Easter is over but the miracles continue.*

Philip had gone to Samaria to preach about Jesus. An angel appeared to him and said, “Go south to the road that runs to Gaza”. Philip had no idea why God wanted him to go but he went as the angel had instructed him. He soon saw the dust of an approaching carriage. Peter noticed it was a very fine carriage drawn by expensive horses. It was a man from a faraway country in Africa...Ethiopia. He was an officer in the court of the queen and in charge of her money and her treasure. Somehow, the Ethiopian had heard of the one true God whom the Jews worshiped. The Ethiopian hungered to know more

about this God and wanted to worship Him. Just then, the Spirit of the Lord said to Philip, "Go to the carriage." So he ran to the carriage and heard the man reading words from the prophet Isaiah about Christ. "He was led as a sheep to the slaughter, and as a lamb before his shearer." "Do you understand what you are reading?" Philip asked the officer.

"How can I," he replied, "unless someone explains it to me? Tell me." So Philip climbed into the carriage and explained that Isaiah was speaking about the coming Savior; then he told him the Savior had already come, and that he was Jesus. He told him everything. The man turned to Philip and said, "Look, here is some water. I want to be baptized right now?" As soon as this happened, the Spirit of God took Philip away suddenly and the Ethiopian officer never saw him again. But we know the officer rode home and told everyone about what took place and about His Savior. *Easter is over but the miracles continue.*

Easter is over...But has the miracle of Easter continued in your life?

With my deepest love for my Savior and for you,

Pastor Steve