

FROM THE DESK OF PASTOR JOHN T. McCOY

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Easter Greetings In His Name,

Today is designated as Good Friday – the day that Jesus went to the CROSS, to pay our sin debt. That designation, on the surface, seems to be a contradiction. Especially, since it designates the day that Jesus was crucified. Usually, we don't look upon the death of a loved one as "good." On the contrary, we grieve and mourn. And this past year have brought us much grief and much mourning. But there is a reason that we refer to this day as "Good Friday", and one of the most beloved scriptures in the Bible explains it best: **"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life."** (John 3:16)

We have never had to navigate through times like these before, and it hasn't been easy. And satan wants us to believe that our God is not concerned with the things we are going through. But we know that satan has always been a liar, and his lies began in the Garden of Eden when he deceived Adam and Eve with the idea that disobeying God would not have any consequences. And, of course, we know that, that lie caused all humankind to be plunged into sinfulness. For many years, people in the Old Testament, sacrificed animals before God in order to be forgiven of their sins. But God, in His infinite wisdom, had another plan. A plan that was with Him from the beginning of the creation of the world. That plan was John 3:16. And Galatians 4:4 tells us that **"In the fullness of time, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law."** God the Father gave His Son. And His Son (Jesus) gave His life on the Cross, so that no longer would we have to bring sacrifices and go through endless rituals, in order to be brought back into a relationship with God. **So yes** – It is a **"Good"** Friday. It's a Good Friday Because Sunday is not far away. And we know what happened on that Sunday after Good Friday.

As we celebrate Easter or Resurrection Sunday, it is important to remember that "Good Friday", would be meaningless without the Easter Sunday.

But I'm so glad that death could not hold Him in the grave. While death took Him that Friday, it was only a momentary stop. **But now He Lives.**

So let's not let the things that are happening today, darken our **HOPE** for tomorrow. We can still sing the old song that says: "Because He lives, I can face tomorrow; Because He lives, all fear is gone; Because I know He holds the future, and life is worth the living just Because **"He Has Risen"**

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Yours In Christ,

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