

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 5, 2015

JESUS HAS DONE IT ALL FOR YOU

Like most people in our world, growing up I believed that as long as I was a good person, I would make it into heaven, and that God would let me in as long as I made the cut. The truth is, that's actually right, but I didn't realize that the bar was set not by me or what I deemed as being acceptable living, but what *God* made acceptable. The first time I realized this, I realized it was bad news.

Romans 3.23, 6.23 // Isaiah 59.2

**It was *me* who broke God's law,
so it must be *me* who should pay the price to restore myself.**

In an effort to "pay back" the wrongs that we do, we make promises or try to do enough good deeds to make up for it. But this is impossible for us, because we don't realize that our wrongs are much bigger than we think. We are much further than we think.

But there is Good News for you and for me! There was a Man who came and actually lived the life that God had desired, and He then willfully represented us before God, and He paid our debt. This Man, Jesus, is the Son of God, sent to the earth to do what we couldn't do: live a perfect and sinless life, pleasing to God. And through His life and death, our sin is paid for; through His resurrection He proved that He has the power of death itself, and when we put our trust in Him, we, too, can be saved from the power of sin and death. So, though we can't get to heaven by our good works (because we simply won't be good enough), we *can* enter into heaven because of *Jesus'* good works, including His death, that He did for us.

John 3.3-8, 16-18 // Ephesians 2.1-9

**We have been separated from God by our sin,
but Christ was sent to bridge that gap by paying for our sin.**

HOPE FOR YOU AND ME

You may not believe that God sent His Son to die in the place of sinful people; or perhaps you are "on the fence" on what you believe or are wrestling with the idea that there is a God. Or maybe you call yourself a Christian, but it's not a very important aspect of your life. Don't hold on to a false hope. Every single one of us has sin that has to be dealt with somehow, and either it will be our own selves paying the penalty of our sin, or it will be Christ. Christ came to heal broken hearts, save the "worst" of sinners, give hope to the hopeless, and give mercy and grace even to His enemies.

Revelation 21.1-8 // John 6.37

No matter what you have done or where you have been, Jesus speaks these words:

**"Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.
Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in
heart, and you will find rest for your souls.
-Jesus, from Matthew 11.28-30**

NOTES:

Will You Pray With Us?

Follow along with our daily prayer requests by downloading the **PrayerMate App**, available on both **iOS** and **Android** phones. Go to our website for detailed instructions on how to subscribe to the app to be praying with us daily, as well as reading through our **2 Year Bible Reading Plan**.

ARE YOU NEW HERE?

WELCOME TO LIFE MISSION CHURCH!

We'd LOVE for you to fill out the green **Connection Card** on your seat to let us know you were here today. You can drop it in the offering at the end of service or take it to one of our teammates in a **Green Shirt** at the **Connection Booth** outside - we'd love to give you some welcome information.

Feel free to grab some food or coffee out in the courtyard and hang out. We hope you'll **join us next Sunday** and consider making us your church family.

SERVING OPPORTUNITIES

If you've ever taken your child to one of our **Kids on Mission** classes, or enjoyed a cup of coffee after service, chances are there was a faithful servant behind each of those examples. By giving your time and talent on Sundays, you're **an essential part** of helping others meet Jesus, and serving is one of the **most fun & rewarding ways we experience community** with our church family! Fill out a connection card or visit the **Connection Booth** to learn about the serving opportunities available today.

COMMUNITY GROUPS

The best way to **get connected** in the church is by joining one of our **Community Groups!** You'll forge friendships, be encouraged, and take the sermon deeper into your heart every week. **Sign up for a Group** on a **Connection Card** or visit the **Connection Booth**. You won't regret it!

GIVING

Gospel-centered generosity is motivated by a heart of thankfulness because of the sacrificial love God has already shown us. If you call **Life Mission** your home, you can place your gift in the offering baskets at the end of service, give online at lifemissionchurch.com/blog/give or mail a check to our PO Box. Thank you so much!

KIDS ON MISSION

Our **Kids on Mission** ministry has classrooms for **newborns - 6th grade** and is passionately overseen by **Audra Napolitano**. Please visit lifemissionchurch.com/blog/kids to read more about the vision and plan we have for our kids, including Pastor Jobey's heart and his walkthrough of our curriculum.

JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Our **7th & 8th graders** worship with the adults and then head to their class for the rest of service.

Our **High School students** stay in the service because we believe that it is critical for them to not "graduate the faith" when they graduate school. For questions on our student ministries, contact **Casey Barnes** at hbarnes5@yahoo.com.

SAVE.

Jesus was sent to save. We have been saved to be sent. We are sent into our community to share the Good News that Christ came to save us, and we hope to see many who find new life.

EQUIP.

We want to equip those very people in the Word so that they can continue to grow as disciples of Christ. From our preschool to our adults, our passion is to see everyone equipped in the Gospel to live a life of freedom and joy.

SEND.

Lastly, we then want to see those equipped people sent into their community and world. From schools and playgrounds, to families and work places, we want to see people who are spiritual leaders in their life, showing people the truth of Christ's Good News.

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COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

What stuck out to you the most from the sermon on Sunday? _____

Read through **Isaiah 53.1-12**. What portions of this text, written by Isaiah around 680 years before Jesus was born, bring to mind specific instances that Jesus fulfilled in His life? _____

Now read **Romans 3.23, 6.23**, followed by **John 3.3-8, 16-18**, and then **Ephesians 2.1-9**. How do these verses show us the "problem" (Bad News) of why Jesus had to suffer the way He did, as well as the Good News of what His suffering and death accomplished? _____

Read **1 Peter 2.22, 1 John 3:5, 2 Corinthians 5:21, 1 Peter 3:18, Romans 5:1-8, 1 Corinthians 15:3-8**. How does knowing and believing that Jesus lived the life that you couldn't live, died the death meant for you and then rose from the dead change your perspective of your past, present and future? In other words, how does one event that happened over 2,000 years ago change your whole life today, in 2015? Now read **John 16:33**. How does it give you peace? How does it give you rest? _____

This week, to celebrate and do something a little different in your **Community Group**, take some time to either write down in the space provided, or think through on your own how you would describe your life in Bad News and Good News terms. In other words, share with your group a 5 minute mini-"testimony" of what God has saved you from, and how your life has changed since becoming born again and saved by the work of Christ. _____

End group with praying for one another using the **P.R.A.Y.** model. **Preach** the Gospel to yourself, **Repent** of any sin, then **Ask** and last end with Thanksgiving and **Yield** to His will.



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Equipping a Gospel-Centered Community in the Word of God,
To Live Out a Gospel-Centered Life Mission to the Glory of God.

We're Glad You're Here!

Celebrate

EASTER

APRIL 5TH at 9AM
Family Style Service on the Lawn

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