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Bonney Lake SDA Newsletter

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From the Pastor's Desk



Philosopher Albert Camus is attributed to have said, "I would rather live my life as if there is a God and die to find out there isn't, than live my life as if there isn't and die to find out there is". This may sound like hedging his bet, but Albert died an untimely death in a car accident just two short years after winning his Nobel Prize in literature. The tragedy of his fate lies in the knowledge that in his pocket, was a train ticket to travel with his wife and children rather than with his publisher in the doomed vehicle. Albert's foreboding statement points to a time when man will face his Creator.

Jesus speaks of this time: "Do not marvel at this; for an hour is coming, in which all who are in the tombs will hear His voice, and will come forth; those who did the good deeds to a resurrection of life, those who committed the evil deeds to a resurrection of judgment." [John 5:28-29 NAS95] The contrasting resurrections that Jesus foretells also urge upon us His role in this judgment: "and He (God the Father) gave Him (Jesus) authority to execute judgment, because

He is the Son of Man [John 5:27]."

Now consider Jesus' statements in John 5 as we review the events of Passion Week: The triumphal entry of Jesus recalls a dialogue between Jesus and certain rulers who encouraged him to rebuke the cheering crowd. Jesus' prophetic response regarding the fate of the city in forty years verifies His role as Judge.

The second cleansing of the Temple proves Jesus' zeal for His Father's house and the true nature of worship. Jesus passes judgment on their irreligious practices. When cursing the fig tree, Jesus passes judgment upon a nation that has rejected Him as their Messiah and the withering tree is a harbinger to the disciples that they will be persecuted by their own people. While encountering the question "What authority do you have?" [Matthew 21:23-27] Jesus perplexed the leaders by presenting John the Baptist as the litmus test for Godly rights. "Position and influence meant more to them than truth" [SDABC]. And Jesus, as the Searcher of Hearts, correctly judges their pride.

Throughout the entire passion week, Jesus' role as judge can be seen reflected in His dependence on God for wisdom and endurance as He turns His face towards Jerusalem to face the unrighteous judgments of the Jews who handed Him over to the Gentiles to be judged as innocent by Pilate [John 19:6].

Within our Judeo-Christian society, this concept of judgment is not forgotten. This was reminded to me during a short interaction I had with a stranger. While waiting in line for something, a conversation struck up with a young man about death. "What do you think happens when we die?" I asked innocently. "I think that there's a judgment, and we all gotta answer for our lives" came the blunt reply. "Are you ready?" I continued, "I don't think so, man!" I encouraged him to think about it a little deeper and to consider the historical event of Calvary.

Paul writes in Hebrews about this insecure attitude regarding the judgment: "For you have need of endurance, so that when you have done the will of God, you may receive what was promised. FOR YET IN A VERY LITTLE WHILE, HE WHO IS COMING WILL COME, AND WILL NOT DELAY. BUT MY RIGHTEOUS ONE SHALL LIVE BY FAITH; AND IF HE SHRINKS BACK, MY SOUL HAS NO PLEASURE IN HIM. But we are not of those who shrink back to destruction, but of those who have faith to the preserving of the soul." [Hebrews 10:36-39 NAS95] From this passage, we see that the person who lives in faith of a Savior, who is also a Judge, can live because there is a God and die with the assurance that there is One!

Pastor Vince Saunders

Calendar of Events



Elders Meeting: 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM 1st Thursday of each month

Board Meeting: 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM 2nd Thursday of each month

Personal Ministries: 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM 3rd Thursday of each month

Adventist Community Services: 1st & 3rd Monday of each month 9-11 a.m.

Mid-Week Bible Study: For that mid-week inspiration, you'll want to come down to the church 7-8 p.m. on Wednesdays. Singing, praying, studying are on the agenda. The group usually meets from September to May and is off during the summer months.

Advanced Bible Study: It's a workout of a different sort. The Advanced Bible Study (ABS) meets in the Youth Room after the Fellowship Luncheon, on the 1st and 3rd Sabbaths of every month. Contact Larry Chaplin at 253-863-1366 for more information.

Pathfinders Monday's at 7:00 p.m.

Sweet Hour of Prayer: Every Tuesday 6:30-7:30 p.m. at Vic & Ruth Matson's home. Call 253-826-4633 for more information.

Washington Conference Women's Spring Day at Grace Community Church in Auburn- April 14

Communion Sabbath- April 21

Folk Mountain Gospel" Vespers Friday, April 27th- 7 p.m. Don & Donna Mohl

Four Horsemen Revival Weekend—May 4-5

Mother Daughter/All Women's High Tea at The Secret Garden in Sumner- May 6 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Church Social Game Night May 19th 7 - 10p.m.

Women's Emphasis Day - June 9th Sabbath Worship Service

Librarian Recommendations

What does the name Maranatha mean to you?

We have videos and DVDs in the library that will tell you what a 10 Dollar church is all about, as well as stories about Maranatha. Maranatha can bring hands on mission work to your family. It is a way for families to be personally involved in mission work.

Come check it out.

Laurel Thorp

April, Dear April

April, dear April, I beg you come soon –
And bring your sweet primroses too.
Let them join in with the daffodils' play,
As skies offer sunshine anew.

April, dear April, my blessed spring child,
Ornate in your yellow and white,
Teasing the birds into trilling their songs
And dancing to music of flight.

April, dear April, come enter my dreams
And rid me from cold winter chills.
Banish the rain and those blustery winds
And warm up our countryside hills.

April, dear April, I know you can't stay -
You have to move on 'till next year.
And though I shall cherish the glory of summer,
You'll always be my month most dear.

Mark R. Slaughter

April's Away

All too soon the
countryside,
Now fresh greened and
sprouting more
Than spring, looks out for



wider
Room, shakes it's newborn blossoms
Then ushers April to the door.
And April's away.

No longer teenage, Flora's
Grown maturer now, slightly
Deeper hued, flowers adorning
Every late spring bough, while
April, already pale, turns white,
Then April's away.

Heated by more ardent sun,
Hedgerows must have stronger feed.
Palid from work early done
April leaves, - makes way for May
To ensure Flora has her needs
Now April's away.

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Womens Ministry

Women's Spring Day

Washington Conference Women's Spring Day
April 14, 10 - 4 p.m. at Grace Community Church
in Auburn. Want to feel "Simply Refreshed"? Join
Beth Grissom, from Mt. Pisgah Academy, on a
journey to become "Simply Refreshed" in Jesus
Christ who sets us free. Bring a donation of warm
hats, scarves, gloves, peanut butter, jelly, graham
crackers or Capri Sun juice packs to give to the
homeless. A donation will be taken to financially
support the shipping of a food container to
Paula Leen's Murwira Orphanage in Zimbabwe.
Questions? Contact Lynda Kim at (253) 350-
1507 or Elizabeth Yeagley at 253-681-6008.

High Tea



Mother Daughter/All Women's High Tea

May 6th 10-12 p.m. at the
Secret Garden in Sumner

Registration forms are in the foyer. Cost is
\$24 per person. Sponsorships available. Please
turn in your registration form and payment no
later than April 21st. Speaker will be Marcela
Figueroa, MA.S.Ed, Women's Ministries
Coordinator, Washington Conference of SDA.

Please invite your mom, daughter, grandma,
neighbor or best friend to join us! You won't want to
miss out on all the great food, tea, and fellowship!

Women's Emphasis Day

Women's Ministries Emphasis Day, June 9th. This
is an annual event on the church's Calendar of Days
and Events. Women will provide all aspects of the
Sabbath worship on this day.

Secret Sisters

Don't forget to remember your secret sister at least
once a month. Revealing is coming in June.

Carol Burnham

The Best Dog Story

They told me the big black Lab's name was Reggie, as I looked at him lying in his pen. The shelter was clean, no-kill, and the people really friendly. I'd only been in the area for six months, but everywhere I went in the small college town, people were welcoming and open. Everyone waves when you pass them on the street.

But something was still missing as I attempted to settle in to my new life here, and I thought a dog couldn't hurt. Give me someone to talk to. And I had just seen Reggie's advertisement on the local news. The shelter said they had received numerous calls right after, but they said the people who had come down to see him just didn't look like "Lab people," whatever that meant. They must've thought I did.

But at first, I thought the shelter had misjudged me in giving me Reggie and his things, which consisted of a dog pad, bag of toys almost all of which were brand new tennis balls, his dishes and a sealed letter from his previous owner.

See, Reggie and I didn't really hit it off when we got home. We struggled for two weeks (which is how long the shelter told me to give him to adjust to his new home). Maybe it was the fact that I was trying to adjust, too. Maybe we were too much alike.

I saw the sealed envelope. I had completely forgotten about that. "Okay, Reggie," I said out loud, "let's see if your previous owner has any advice."

To Whomever Gets My Dog:

Well, I can't say that I'm happy you're reading this, a letter I told the shelter could only be opened by Reggie's new owner. I'm not even happy writing it. He knew something was different. So let me tell you about my Lab in the hopes that it will help you bond with him and he with you.

First, he loves tennis balls. The more the merrier. Sometimes I think he's part squirrel, the way he hoards them. He usually always has two in his mouth, and he tries to get a third in there. Hasn't done it yet. Doesn't matter where you throw them, he'll bound after them, so be careful. Don't do it by any roads.

Next, commands. Reggie knows the obvious ones --- "sit," "stay," "come," "heel." He knows hand signals, too: He knows "ball" and "food" and "bone" and "treat" like nobody's business. Feeding schedule: twice a day, regular store-bought stuff; the shelter has the brand.

He's up on his shots. Be forewarned: Reggie hates the vet. Good luck getting him in the car. I don't know how he knows when it's time to go to the vet, but he knows.

Finally, give him some time. It's only been Reggie and me for his whole life. He's gone everywhere with me, so please include him on your daily car rides if you can. He sits well in the backseat, and he doesn't bark or complain. He just loves to be around people, and me most especially.

And that's why I need to share one more bit of info with you...His name's not Reggie. He's a smart dog, he'll get used to it and will respond to it, of that I have no doubt. But I just couldn't bear to give them his real name. But if someone is reading this ... well it means that his new owner should know his real name. His real name is "Tank." because, that is what I drive.

I told the shelter that they couldn't make "Reggie" available for adoption until they received word from my company commander. You see, my parents are gone, I have no siblings, no one I could've left Tank with ... and it was my only real request of the Army upon my deployment to Iraq, that they make one phone call to the shelter ... in the "event" ... to tell them that Tank could be put up for adoption. Luckily, my CO is a dog-guy, too, and he knew where my platoon was headed. He said he'd do it personally. And if you're reading this, then he made good on his word.

Tank has been my family for the last six years, almost as long as the Army has been my family. And now I hope and pray that you make him part of your family, too, and that he will adjust and come to love you the same way he loved me.

If I have to give up Tank to keep those terrible people from coming to the US I am glad to have done so. He is my example of service and of love. I hope I honored him by my service to my country and comrades.

All right, that's enough. I deploy this evening and have to drop this letter off at the shelter. Maybe I'll peek in on him and see if he finally got that third tennis ball in his mouth.

Good luck with Tank. Give him a good home, and give him an extra kiss good night - every night - from me.

Thank you,

Paul Mallory

I folded the letter and slipped it back in the envelope. Sure, I had heard of Paul Mallory, everyone in town knew him, even new people like me. Local kid, killed in Iraq a few months ago and posthumously earning the Silver Star when he gave his life to save three buddies. Flags had been at half-mast all summer.

I leaned forward in my chair and rested my elbows on my knees, staring at the dog. "Hey, Tank," I said quietly. The dog's head whipped up, his ears cocked and his eyes bright. "C'mere boy."

He was instantly on his feet, his nails clicking on the hardwood floor. He sat in front of me, his head tilted, searching for the name he hadn't heard in months. "Tank," I whispered. His tail swished.

I kept whispering his name, over and over, and each time, his ears lowered, his eyes softened, and his posture relaxed as a wave of contentment just seemed to flood him. I stroked his ears, rubbed his shoulders, buried my face into his scruff and hugged him.

"It's me now, Tank, just you and me. Your old pal gave you to me." Tank reached up and licked my cheek.

"So whatdaya say we play some ball?" His ears perked again. "Yeah? Ball? You like that? Ball?"

Tank tore from my hands and disappeared into the next room. And when he came back, he had three tennis balls in his mouth.

Melvia's Corner

You all must be as concerned about the popular infidelity of today as I am. It is not atheism I fear so much as the system which says everything is true. It isn't the system which says there is no Saviour, so much as the system which says there are many saviors, and many ways to peace.

It is the system which is so liberal that it dares not say anything is false. Or a system which is so charitable that it will allow everything to be true. A system which seems ready to honor other religions as well as that of our Lord Jesus Christ, classing them all together, and hope well of all who profess them.

It's a system which will smile complacently on all creeds and systems of religion. I won't mention them here, but it is known which ones I'm referring to. All these are to be listened to, none are to be denounced as lies. A system which is so liberal that it calls a person a bigot if he dares to say, "I know my views are right".

This is a system that I testify against and denounce. Its a sacrifice of truth upon the altar of a counterfeit love. Has the Lord God spoken to us in the Bible or has He not? From the liberality which says everybody is right, from the charity which forbids you to say anybody is wrong, from the peace which is bought at the expense of truth, may the Lord Jesus deliver us.

There is only one name under heaven whereby we can be saved and that name is Yeshuah, Jesus.

"Love is dwelt upon as the chief attribute of God but it is degraded to be a weak sentimentalism making little distinction between good and evil. God's justice, His denunciation of sin, His Holy law are all kept out of sight." G.C. 558

Shalom - Peace

Melvia Smith

Gardening Tips for APRIL!

SHRUBS and TREES

There still is time to plant trees and shrubs. However, by mid month it will be a little late to transplant large trees or shrubs, so do them now. The months of March, April and May are ideal for pruning evergreens. So if you have a Juniper, Cypress or conifer that need shearing or pruning this is a good time to accomplish this task. Remove all dead, diseased, and undesirable wood. However, do not prune back into the bare wood part of the plant. Prune your Forsythia after it finishes flowering. Broad leaf and needle leaf evergreens benefit most from lightly spreading a high nitrogen fertilizer around their bases.

PERENNIALS, ANNUALS and BULBS

April is the month for planting summer flowering bulbs like dahlias, gladiolas and lilies. Mix bulb fertilizer, processed manure and peat moss into the planting soil. Tuberous Begonias and Canna should not be set outdoors until all danger of frost has passed, so wait until next month. Plant annual seeds of asters, cosmos, marigolds, zinnias in the garden.

When all frost danger has passed you can move your stored fuchsias and geraniums outdoors. Trim them back, feed and re-pot if necessary. Water them well. When they have finished blooming, you should deadhead your spring flowering bulbs. Do not cut off the green foliage yet! These green leaves continue to grow for a few weeks, and provide the bulb with food for flowering next year.

Divide perennials like Daylilies, Delphiniums, iris, chrysanthemums, Daisies, and Phlox. The additional plants you create can be traded or given to friends, or moved to a new area of the garden. Hybrid Tea Roses should be fertilized prior to buds beginning to bloom. Using a systemic fertilizer will help prevent insect infestation later in the summer, as it feeds your rose. Plant new rosebushes before growth starts and buds swell. If you have a pond or pool you should set aquatic plants any time after the middle of the month.

FRUITS and VEGGIES

Control weeds and aerate the soil by cultivating between the rows of plants. April is a great time to select and plant fruit trees and berry plants. Fruits and berries do best when planted in full sun. Plant perennial vegetables like asparagus, rhubarb, horseradish, etc. It's also time to plant peas, carrots, beets, spinach, cauliflower, cabbage, etc. Root crops like potatoes, radishes, parsnips and onions can be planted at anytime. Late this month you can plant beans and corn. Warmer weather crops like tomatoes; squash, cucumbers and peppers should not be planted until next month. As your direct-seeded crops sprout, be sure to keep them thinned out to avoid crowding. Cut out all the dead canes from your raspberry patch. The new canes that will bear this year's fruit should have new, buds along the edges. Thin these to five canes per foot of row to allow good air circulation and prevent overcrowding. When danger of frost has passed, uncover strawberry beds and keep them well watered.

BULLETIN BLOOPERS

If you choose to heave during the Postlude, please do so quietly.

There will not be any Women Worth Watching this week.

The Honeymooners are now having bible studies each Tuesday evening at 7:30 p.m.

I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, even though he diets, yet shall be live.

On a church postcard: I have received Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior. I would like a personal call.

This week's saints include a French woman (Teresa, the Little Flower), a Swedish woman (Bridget), an Italian man (Francis of Assisi), a German man (Bruno), a Jewess from the Holy Land (Mary, God's Mother). They include single people and married people. Bridget was a wife and mother. Mary was a virgin and virgin mother. If they could do it, so can we.

A song listed in the Church Bulletin at the Nazarene Church in Little Rock, Arkansas; in connection with a sermon on God's mantle..."Let's God Mangle Fall on Me."

Church Social

May 19th from 7 to 10 p.m. Church Social Game Night

Plan to come, and enjoy fellowship with others.

New Cookbooks for Sale

Choices Quick and Healthy Vegetarian Cooking Cookbook
by Cheryl Thomas Peters, RD

Fun with Kids in the Kitchen Cookbook
by Judi Rogers

\$5 each, Call Jane Hiebert at 253-891-1813

Health Tip

Laughing not only eases stress, promotes social bonding, and lowers blood pressure, it may also boost your immune system. So bring some humor into your life, whether it's through friends.

Humor is infectious. The sound of roaring laughter is far more contagious than any cough, snuffle, or sneeze. When laughter is shared, it binds people together and increases happiness and intimacy. In addition to the domino effect of joy and amusement, laughter also triggers healthy physical changes in the body. Humor and laughter strengthen your immune system, boost your energy, diminish pain, and protect you from the damaging effects of stress. Best of all, this priceless medicine is fun, free, and easy to use.

Laughter is a powerful antidote to stress, pain, and conflict. Nothing works faster or more dependably to bring your mind and body back into balance than a good laugh. Humor lightens your burdens, inspires hopes, connects you to others, and keeps you grounded, focused, and alert.

With so much power to heal and renew, the ability to laugh easily and frequently is a tremendous resource for surmounting problems, enhancing your relationships, and supporting both physical and emotional health.

Laughter is good for your health. Laughter relaxes the whole body. A good, hearty laugh relieves physical tension and stress, leaving your muscles relaxed for up to 45 minutes after.

Laughter boosts the immune system. Laughter decreases stress hormones and increases immune cells and infection-fighting antibodies, thus improving your resistance to disease.

Laughter triggers the release of endorphins, the body's natural feel-good chemicals. Endorphins promote an overall sense of well-being and can even temporarily relieve pain.

Laughter protects the heart. Laughter improves the function of blood vessels and increases blood flow, which can help protect you against a heart attack and other cardiovascular problems.

Recipe Idea

Cottage Cheese Patties

1 cup oatmeal
1 cup cottage cheese
1 cup soft bread crumbs
2 eggs
2 packages George Washington Broth
1/4 tsp sage
1 medium onion, minced
1 heaping Tbl of dried parsley
2 Tbl gluten flour

Mix all ingredients well. Add a little cream or vegetable broth if they are to dry. Form into patties and fry on both sides until brown. Serve with mushroom gravy. Or place patties in casserole dish and cover with mushroom gravy and bake at 350 until hot and bubbling, about 25 minutes.

This is a great recipe to use up old bread. It is especially good with whole wheat bread crumbs and I use fat-free cottage cheese. I also add left over cooked grains like brown rice, quinoa or couscous.

Marcinda Rambaran

FOUR HORSEMAN REVIVAL WEEKEND

REVELATION'S "OPENING STORY"

MAY 4TH & 5TH

BONNEY LAKE SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH
11503 214TH AVENUE EAST, BONNEY LAKE, WA 98390

MAY 4--7 P.M. FRIDAY NIGHT: REV. 1-7

REVELATION'S "OPENING STORY": OVERVIEW

This presentation is a refreshing look at Revelation's opening story, and addresses some of today's hottest subjects, like the Rapture, the Israel of God in prophecy, and the identity of the 144,000.

SABBATH MAY 5--11 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE: REV. 6: 1-2
"THE 1ST SEAL" (PART 1): CHRIST OUR VICTOR!

This Christ-centered presentation challenges the popular (but erroneous) Antichrist teaching that now permeates mainstream Christianity. This dynamic study powerfully demonstrates that Christ is the first horseman in the seals, as taught by our forefathers.

SABBATH EVENING MAY 5--7 P.M. REV. 6: 3-8
"SEALS 2-4" (PART 2): CALLED TO OVERCOME!

As the Lamb removes the seals that bind the scroll of destiny, we see four horsemen embark upon a mission to prepare God's people to conquer and receive a place on God's throne. These are messages are essential to our salvation!



The presenter, James L. Merrills, M. Div., is a Bible lecturer and life-long student of Revelation. His forth-coming book, *Christ Our Conqueror: A Christ-Centered View of the Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse*, is a close examination of the four horsemen's Christocentric messages.

Personal Ministries

Join us for a "Folk Mountain Gospel" Vespers 7 p.m., Friday, April 27. Don and Donna Mohl will be at the Bonney Lake Church to share their music ministry, described as a blend of "mountain" and folk style gospel. They will play traditional and Biblical instruments such as the Bowed Psaltery, Hammered Dulcimer, Mountain Dulcimer, Mandolin, Zither, Guitar, Bass Guitar, and Harmonica, and will also sing the good ol' faith hymns. Mark your calendars now and share this with friends. For more info about their ministry, go to www.folkmountaingospel.com.

Doug & Jennifer Hamerly

Adventist Community Services

Reach Out: The Model, The Method

1. The savior MINGLED WITH MEN as one who desired their good.
2. He SHOWED His SYMPATHY for them.
3. MINISTERED to their NEEDS.
4. And WON their CONFIDENCE.
5. Then He BADE THEM, "Follow Me."

There is need of coming close to the people by PERSONAL EFFORT. If LESS TIME were given to sermonizing, and MORE TIME were spent in personal ministry, greater RESULTS would be seen.

1. The poor are to be relieved
2. The sick cared for
3. The sorrowing and the bereaved comforted
4. The ignorant instructed
5. The inexperienced counseled

We are to WEEP with those that weep, and REJOICE with those that rejoice.

Accompanied by the POWER of PERSUASION, the POWER of PRAYER, the POWER of the LOVE of God, THIS WORK WILL NOT, CANNOT BE WITHOUT FRUIT!

Taken from Ministry of Healing, Page 143,144

Report for the 1st Quarter of 2012

Families served: 114

\$ Value of all commodities dispensed: \$1,096.00

Total # of commodity items dispensed: 1,446

Clothing dispensed: 1,043

Crocheted hats to Oncology Partners and Ladies Spring meeting: 52

Volunteers: 11

Volunteer hours: 323.5

Don't forget our "School Supply" gift card project. At this time we have a total of 57 children signed up. Thru 4/7/12, we have received \$290.00. The need is great, but with your continuing generosity, we can provide for each of these deserving children. We still have until we break for camp meeting, so make this part of your giving plans. Thanks!!!

Nancy Chaplin

Help Needed

Approximately 3 Hours Heavy Housework per quarter.

\$11.00 per hour.

Call Melvia Smith 253-864-0655 for more information.

What is the Seventh-day Adventist position regarding the physical, or bodily, resurrection of Christ?

Seventh-day Adventists believe in the physical, or bodily, resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead as verily as they believe in His atoning death on Calvary. This is a cardinal doctrine of the Christian faith, for Christianity rests upon the indisputable fact that Christ rose from the dead (1 Cor. 15:17).

The resurrection of Christ is not to be understood merely in a spiritual sense. He actually rose from the dead. He who came from the tomb was the same Jesus who lived here in the flesh. He came forth in a glorified body, but it was real—so real that the women who went to the sepulcher, as well as the disciples, saw Him (Matt. 28:17; Mark 16:9, 12, 14). The two disciples on the way to Emmaus talked with Him (Luke 24). He Himself said to the disciples, “Behold my hands and my feet” (Luke 24:39). He had “flesh and bones” (verse 39). He ate with them (verse 43).

Thomas had reason to know it was the same Jesus, for he was invited to “reach hither thy finger, and behold my hands; and reach hither thy hand, and thrust it into my side” (John 20:27). Yes, it was the Saviour Himself. It was not a spirit, not a ghost. It was the real divine Son of God who came forth from the grave. The resurrection of Jesus our Lord was a vital part of the message of the early church. When the apostles preached, they preached of Christ the Messiah, who was raised from the dead. “They . . . preached through Jesus the resurrection from the dead” (Acts 4:2); they “gave . . . witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus” (verse 33); Paul “preached unto them Jesus, and the resurrection” (Acts 17:18).

The resurrection of Jesus Christ is of vital importance in God’s great plan of salvation. Even the death of Jesus, sublime as it was, would have been of no avail, were it not for His resurrection from the dead. The great apostle to the Gentiles makes this clear in his ringing testimony to the living Christ. In that wonderful chapter on the resurrection, in his message to the Corinthian church, we see the vital place that this great transaction has in the purpose of God. Note what the situation would be if Christ had not been raised from the dead.

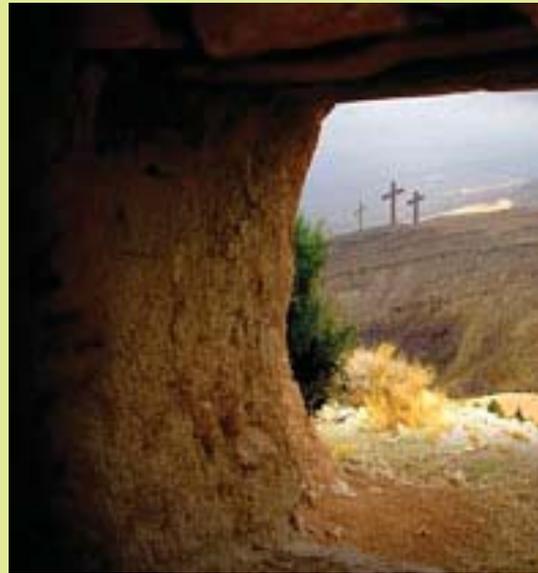
1. There would be no benefit from preaching the gospel: “And if Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain” (1 Cor. 15:14).
2. There would be no forgiveness of sins: “And if Christ be not raised. . . ye are yet in your sins” (verse 17).
3. There would be no purpose in believing in Jesus: “And if Christ be not raised, your faith is vain” (verse 17).
4. There would be no general resurrection from the dead: “Now if Christ be preached that he rose from the dead, how say some among you that there is no resurrection of the dead?” (verse 12).
5. There would be no hope beyond the grave: “If Christ be not raised, . . . then they also which are fallen asleep in Christ are perished” (verses 17, 18).

This is a message of power, for it is by the power of His resurrection that we live the Christian life, and His life is lived out in the life of the believer.

Those who are buried with Christ in baptism are represented as rising with Him in His resurrection (Rom. 6:5, 8, 11; Eph. 2:4, 5; Col. 2:12, 13). As a result of this union with Christ, a new life is imparted to the believer (Rom. 6:4; 2 Cor. 4:10, 11; Col. 3:10). The power of Christ’s resurrection is thus made available to him (Eph. 1:19, 20; Phil. 3:10; Heb. 7:16).

Once we were dead in sins; now we are alive in Christ. We were crucified with Christ; now Christ lives in us (Gal. 2:20). Our personal experience of this quickening of the soul, this liberating action of the Spirit of life, is the inward witness and the supreme evidence of the reality of the resurrection.

Christ and the Power of His Resurrection



Romans 6:8-11

Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him. The death he died, he died to sin once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 3:10-12

I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of sharing in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, and so, somehow, to attain to the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already been made perfect, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me.

John 11:25-26

Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die.

Quote from *The Desire of Ages*, p. 786

“As Christ arose, He brought from the grave a multitude of captives. The earthquake at His death had rent open their graves, and when He arose, they came forth with Him. . . . Now they were to be witnesses for Him who had raised them from the dead. . . . These went into the city, and appeared unto many, declaring, Christ has risen from the dead, and we be risen with Him. Thus was immortalized the sacred truth of the resurrection.”

April Birthdays

Wayne Hurley 4/5
Janice Ellison 4/8
Shirley Hurley 4/8
Starla McDonald 4/8
Brandon Hoague 4/10
Daniella Mann 4/11

Marcinda Rambaran 4/13
Doreen Richardson 4/13
Carla Tritten 4/15
Amy Marie Holt 4/16
Nancy Wolever 4/16
Kathie McClean 4/24

Lois Smith-Sandman 4/24
Mike Herman 4/25
Ronda Wibberding 4/25
Brenda Smith 4/27

May Birthdays

Robert McDonald 5/3
Lisa Blessing 5/5
Sonia Best 5/6
Robert Riverman 5/10
Sheri Righetti 5/12
Patricia Kletke 5/13

Michelle Blessing 5/20
Caitlin Mann 5/22
Shirlee Crain 5/24
Daniel Wibberding 5/25
Ruby Mungle 5/26
Larry Chaplin 5/28

Traci Comstock 5/29
Mary Lou Haskell 5/30

Be Thou My Vision

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,
naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
Thou my best thought by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.
Be thou my wisdom, thou my true word,
I ever with thee and thou with me Lord;
Thou my great Father, I thy true son;
Thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.
Be thou my breastplate, sword for the fight;
Be thou my dignity, thou my delight;
Thou my soul's shelter, thou my high tower:
Raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.
Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise:
Thou mine inheritance now and always;
Thou and thou only first in my heart;
High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.
High King of Heaven, my victory won,
May I reach Heaven's joys, O Bright Heaven's sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

History: The original Old Irish text, Rop tú mo Baile is often attributed to Dallán Forgaill in the 6th century. The text had been a part of Irish monastic tradition for centuries before its setting to the tune, therefore, before it became an actual hymn. It was translated from Old Irish into English by Mary Elizabeth Byrne, M.A., in Ériu (the journal of the School of Irish Learning), in 1905. The English text was first versified by Eleanor Hull, in 1912, and is now the most common text used.

Mission

Our mission is to accept all people, forgive all people & teach all people through working together...with Him. Jesus urged us to "compel them to come in" and we are glad that you've joined us. Join us for the following on Saturdays:

9:15 a.m. Song Service

9:30 a.m. Weekly Lesson Study
- Adult Classes will be studying "Evangelism and Witnessing", for 2nd Quarter 2012.

11 a.m. Worship Service



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