

Good Friday 2010

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The Supremacy of Easter

- APPROPRIATING THE TRUTH
- Claims of Christians are unique
 - Jesus' Death and Resurrection are central for all humanity
 - Jesus is God incarnate
- **1Cor.15:17** – If Christ is not risen your faith is futile, and you are still in your sins
 - No just a doctrine but also an experience of grace
 - As our sins are forgiven, we can have victory over sin

Easter in History

The Search for Historical Jesus

- Believers and Non-Believers search and discuss
- You can always find people denying the truth (eg. the holocaust)

The Bible and the Church Early Fathers

- Countless manuscripts

Non-Christian Documents

- Historians and Legal Documents

Considering Jesus' Death

Prophesized in the Bible

- Betrayed by a friend Ps.41:9 – Lk.22:47-48
- Sold for 30 pieces of silver – Zech.11:12 – Mat.26:15
- Accused by false witnesses – Ps.35:11 – Mk.14:57
- Silent to accusations – Isa.53:7 – Mk.5:4-5
- Spat upon and smitten – Isa.50:6 – Mt.26:67
- Vicarious Sacrifice – Is.53:5 – Rom.5:6-8
- Crucified with malefactors – Is.53:12 – Mk.15:27-28
- Scorned and mocked – Ps.22:7-8 – Lk.23:35
- Pierced through hands and feet – Zech.12:10 – Jn.20:27
- His side was pierced – Zech.12:10 – Jn.19:34
- Soldiers gambled his coat – Ps.22:17-18 – Mt.27:35
- Prayed for his enemies – Ps.104:4 – Lk.23:34
- Given vinegar and gall – Ps.69:21 – Mt.27:34
- No bones were broken – Ps.34:20 – Jn.19:32-33
- Buried with the rich – Is.53:9 – Mt.27:57-60

The Early Christians' Experience

- Result of the Promise of the Father: Coming of the Holy Spirit
 - **Rom.10:9** - Impacts of salvation
- Book of Acts –
 - Not theologians, only exposed to the apostles' teaching
 - Miracles and Power
 - Joy of being a believer – **Act.8:8, 13:51,**
 - Witness and outreach (reached all known world and beyond in two generations)
- Epistles
 - Transformed life but not perfect – Many corrections for their behavior
 - Joy in God through Jesus –
 - **Rom.5:1, 14:17, 15:13, Gal.5:22, 1Pet.1:8**
 - Focus on good things – **Phil.4:8**

The Dark Ages Introduced a Morbid Christianity

- THEOLOGIANS AND TEACHERS DISTORTED DOCTRINE AND UNDERSTANDING
 - Ignorance, Traditions, Heresies and the Corruption of the Church
 - Focus on death and pain

Easter 2010

- Churches with a spirit of death and darkness (no salvation there)
- Countries where people flagellate and crucify themselves
- PROGRESSIVE RESTORATION OF THE TRUTH
 - The work of the Holy Spirit preparing the church for His coming
 - **Ep.5:25-26** – Church without spot and wrinkle (holy and without blemish)

The New Covenant (Or Testament)

A Covenant God

- Adam, Abraham, Moses, David, New Covenant (Christ)
 - All covenants are initiated by God, not man
 - The covenants reflect the loving, giving nature of God
 - Grouped in two: OT and NT
- WHY COVENANTS
 - Covenants are contracts and promises, establishing a relationship and behavior on both sides
 - We should know what to expect

God's Faithfulness

- **Deu.7:9** – If God is faithful He will not break His covenants –
- **1Cor.1:9** – God is faithful
- **1Cor.10:13** – No temptation... for God is faithful
- **1Thes.5:24** – To preserve you
- **2Thes.3:3** –
- **Heb.10:23** – In His promises
- **1Jn.1:9** – To forgive

New Covenant Realities

Prophesized – Jer.31:31-34

- **Isa.53:5** –
- **Heb.9:15** – Jesus is the mediator
- **Lk.22:20** – This cup is the new covenant

Finished Word of the Cross – Jn.19:30

- Fulfillment of the Law – **Mt.5:17**
- **Rom.3:21-28** -

Better Promises

- **Heb.8:6-13** – The old is obsolete
 - As you put your faith in Jesus, the Law is written in your heart
 - When you don't, you will fail. That will show you that you were not in faith

The NT Truth

- The Law is written in your HEART AND MIND
- Jehovah is your God (promises, names)
- You know the Lord intimately
- Your sins are forgotten

A Loving Father

- An intimate relationship
- Not fear (OT)

Your Experience

- Your Understanding
- Your Heart's Beliefs

The Lord's Supper

A Remainder – 1Cor.11:23-34