

II Cor. 3:17 -- "Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is..."

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Calvary and Easter

A song of sunshine through the rain,
Of spring across the snow;
A balm to heal the hurts of pain,
A peace surpassing woe.
Lift up your heads, ye sorrowing ones,
And be ye glad of heart,
For Calvary and Easter Day
Were just three days apart!

With shudder of despair and loss
The world's deep heart is wrung,
As, lifted high upon His cross
The Lord of Glory hung —
When rocks were rent, and ghostly forms
Stole forth in street and mart;
But Calvary and Easter Day,
Earth's blackest day and whitest day,
Were just three days apart.



HAPPY
EASTER

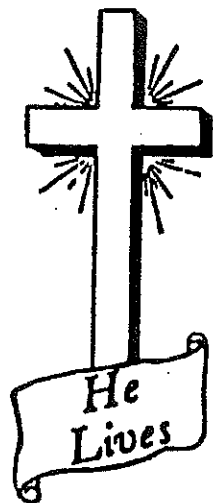
The Season of Hope

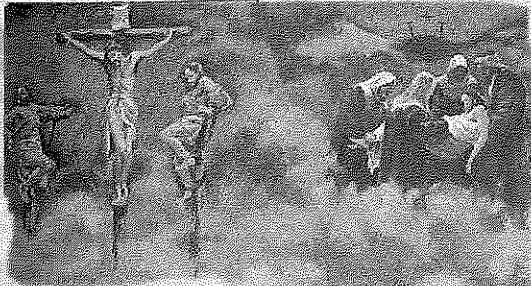
HOW DO I KNOW that Christ is risen?
What proof have I to give?
He touched my life one blessed day
And I began to live.

HOW DO I KNOW He left the tomb
That resurrection long ago?
I met Him just this morning and
My heart is all aglow.

HOW DO I KNOW that endless life
He gained that day for me?
His life within is proof enough
Of immortality.

HOW DO I KNOW that He still lives
Rich blessings to impart?
He walks with me in converse sweet,
And lives within my heart.





Calvary

Jesus Christ, 33, of Nazareth, died Friday on Mount Calvary, also known as Golgotha, the place of the skull. Betrayed by the apostle Judas, Jesus was crucified by the Romans, by order of the Ruler Pontius Pilate. The causes of death were crucifixion, extreme exhaustion, severe torture, and loss of blood.



Jesus Christ, a descendant of Abraham, was a member of the house of David. He was the Son of the late Joseph, a carpenter of Nazareth, and Mary, His devoted Mother. Jesus was born in a stable in the city of Bethlehem, Judea. He is survived by His mother Mary, His faithful Apostles, numerous disciples, and many other followers.

Jesus was self educated and spent most of his adult life working as a Teacher. Jesus also occasionally worked as a Medical Doctor and it is reported that he healed many patients. Up until the time of His death, Jesus was teaching and sharing the Good News, healing the sick, touching the lonely, feeding the hungry, and helping the poor.

Jesus was most noted for telling parables about His Father's Kingdom and performing miracles, such as feeding over 5,000 people with only five loaves of bread and two fish, and healing a man who was born blind. On the day before His death, He held a Last Supper celebrating the Passover Feast, at which He foretold His death.

The body was quickly buried in a stone grave, which was donated by Joseph of Arimathea, a loyal friend of the family. By order of Pontius Pilate, a boulder was rolled in front of the tomb. Roman soldiers were put on guard.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested that everyone try to live as Jesus did. Donations may be sent to anyone in need.

If I had been there

*If I had been there when the Saviour wept
as He prayed in Gethsemane,
If I had been there when His followers slept—
could my Lord have relied on me?*

*If I had been there in the Judgment Hall
when Peter denied his Lord,
Would I have confessed Him before them all—
or have vanished without a word?*

*If I had been there that terrible day
on the lonely mountain side,
Would I, like the others, have fled away—
from His enemies to hide?*

*Would I, like Thomas, have, doubting, cried,
"I will not believe till I see
The print of the nails and His wounded side
that He bore on the cross for me"?*



*No, I was not there. But I know in my heart,
as they failed Him, so also have I.
How often I've followed so far apart
from the One who would draw me nigh.*

*So, like one of old, I come to Him,
and His healing brings sweet relief
As I cry, with tears, "Lord, I believe!
Help Thou mine unbelief!"*



GLORIOUS RESURRECTION DAY

The commercial world would have us believe Easter means bunnies, egg hunts, chocolate candies, or new clothes, perhaps with a parade thrown in. For these reasons, instead of thinking Easter, think *Resurrection Sunday*.

Jesus never said, "I am Easter". He said, "I am the resurrection and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live," John 11:25, 26.

LIFE! Not just signs of leaves budding on a tree, or grass springing up, or flowers blooming, although they are a joy to see and bring hope of things to come; but NEW LIFE IN CHRIST, because He conquered death and the grave. LIFE ETERNAL—the assurance is ours, not only because He died for us, but because HE LIVES!

EASTER MORNING

A Babe was born in Bethlehem
To die upon a cross.
Thus for the deeds of sinful men
His life was counted loss.

He taught the men of Galilee;
He stilled the angry wave;
And when His mission was complete,
His life He freely gave.

They laid Him in a borrowed tomb.
The soldiers sealed the door,
Then reasoned in their scheming minds,
Now He will preach no more.

The soldiers set a constant watch,
So nobody could say,
"Lo! He has risen as He said,"
And steal His corpse away.

On Easter morn an angel came
And rolled the stone away,
And Jesus rose as He had said
And on that very day.

The chief priests gave the soldiers pay
To lie and say they slept,
And men had come and stole the Lord
While they no watch had kept.

But Mary was the first to see
The risen Christ that day.
The others couldn't yet believe
The things they heard her say.

So Peter ran unto the tomb
With all the speed he could,
But another man outran him,
And by the tomb he stood.

They saw inside the empty tomb
The linen clothing lay.
They knew the Lord had risen up
And now had gone away.

But Jesus showed Himself to them,
And to the others, too,
To let them know a Saviour died
In place of me and you.

He rose again to justify;
He'll cover all our sin
If we will open up our hearts
And let the Saviour in.

GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH

31st Annual Faith-Promise

Mission Conference

Begins
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Sunday



**APRIL
11-14**

"CAST YOUR NET" (John 21:6a) is the theme for our 31st Annual Faith-Promise Missions Conference this year, April 11-14, 2021. Missionaries participating are:

Jeremy Ingalls, Baptist Couriers for Christ.

John Harris, Belize

Mark Haynes, Navajo Nation

Seth Lunday, on deputation to Brazil

A carry-in meal will be held after the Sunday morning service with an afternoon service to follow. There will be no Sunday night service. You may fill out your Faith-Promise cards and turn them in anytime during the conference. This is our most important meeting during the year, resulting in thousands of people being saved. We encourage each one to be faithful and help us reach souls at home and around the world.

"Let The Whole World Know"

- During the time of Jesus Christ, 170 million people lived in the world.
- One thousand years later there were 254 million.
- When Columbus sailed the ocean blue in 1492, there were 400 million people.
- In 1800 the count climbed to 813 million.
- In 1950 it had climbed to 2.4 billion.
- Today there are 7 billion men, women and children that need to be reached with the Gospel.