

EASTER MEANS FREEDOM!

Easter 2021 John 8:32 Colossians 3:14

³² And you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.

John 8

¹³ For He has rescued us from the kingdom of darkness and transferred us into the Kingdom of His dear Son, ¹⁴ who purchased our freedom and forgave our sins.

Colossians 1:13-14

Today we celebrate the focal point of history, the greatest event that ever happened.

In the next 24 hours a **BILLION** people will celebrate the resurrection. Why?

1. **Easter Proves Jesus Is Who He Said He IS!** *I Am the resurrection and the life.* John 11:25
2. **Easter Proves Jesus Keeps His Word!** *Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.* John 2:19
3. **Easter Proves Jesus Has a Plan For My Life!** *It is by His great mercy that we have been born again, because God raised Jesus Christ from the dead. Now we live with great expectation.* I Peter 1:3

George Gallup **84%** of Americans accept the resurrection of Jesus Christ as an historical fact.

GODS PLAN FOR YOUR LIFE FREEDOM!

1. **I CAN BE FREE FROM GUILT OVER MY PAST** *He is so rich in kindness and grace that He purchased our freedom with the blood of His Son and forgave our sins.* Ephesians 1:7

Guilt is the number one destroyer of happiness.

He canceled the record of the charges against us and took it away by nailing it to the cross.

Christ has done away with it by nailing it to the cross.

Colossians 3:14

So now there is no condemnation for those who belong to Christ Jesus. And because you belong to Him, the power of the life-giving Spirit has freed you from the power of sin that leads to death... Romans 8:1-2

2. **I CAN BE FREE FROM WORRY ABOUT MY FUTURE**

Give all your worries and cares to God, for He cares about you.

I Peter 5:7

Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank Him for all He has done. Then you will experience God's peace....

Philippians 4:6-7

I am ready for anything through the strength of Christ who lives in me.

Philippians 4:13

"Fear not" appears 365 times in the Bible One for every Day!

3. **I CAN BE FREE FROM LIVING WITHOUT PURPOSE IN THE PRESENT**

For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things He planned for us long ago.

Ephesians 2:10

But my life is worth nothing to me unless I use it for finishing the work assigned me by the Lord Jesus.

Acts 20:24

4. **I CAN BE FREE FROM HAVING TO EARN MY WAY TO HEAVEN.**

You have died with Christ, and He has set you free from the spiritual powers of this world.

So why do you keep on following the rules of the world.

Colossians 2:20

TWO WAYS TO GET TO HEAVEN

PLAN A The Perfect Plan

- 1) Heaven is a perfect place.
- 2) I must be perfect to go there. How's that plan working for you?

PLAN B The Family Plan

- 1) Heaven is a perfect place.
- 2) Jesus paid for my sin and if I receive Him, He will make me His child and bring me Home One Day!
But to all who believed Him and accepted Him, He gave the right to become children of God. They are reborn—not with a physical birth resulting from human passion or plan, but a birth that comes from God.

John 1:12-13

God saved you by His grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God. Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it.

Ephesians 2:8-9

He saved us, not because of the righteous things we had done, but because of His mercy. He washed away our sins, giving us a new birth and new life through the Holy Spirit.

Titus 3:5

For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 6:23

What if I've been close to God and I've fallen away from Him? Does God have anything to say to me this Easter? Yes. Isaiah says, "*With deep love I will welcome you home.*" This Easter come home to God.