

Beautiful Savior April 2020 Newsletter

Easter is Reason to Celebrate!

This year in our monthly articles we are considering favorite verses from the Bible.

This month's favorite Bible verse is: John 14:19

"Because I live, you also will live."

"Happy Holidays!" Does this sound out of place in April? It doesn't have to. This month marks, arguably, the most important holiday of the year—Easter. Why? Because at Easter we celebrate that Jesus Christ rose from the dead. This miraculous event is certainly a reason for celebration. It proves that Jesus has power over even death.

And, what's more, he promises that he has power over *your* death. You may not be thinking about death at Eastertime. You may not like to think about death at all. (Who does?) Still, we are all facing that reality. Sooner or later, our lives will end.

Then what? Plenty of people have plenty of ideas about what happens after we die. But there is one person who can tell us with certainty what will happen because he has already been there and done that. Jesus experienced death...*and came back to life!* Now, listen to what he promises all of his followers, "Because I live, you also will live."

Could there be any better news? Could there be anything more worth celebrating? Through Jesus, you do not need to be afraid to die. You can be sure that one day he will raise your body back to life. And you will never die again.

What a reason to celebrate!

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From the pen of the Pastor. This past month has brought many changes for all of us. No sports, Hollywood has shut down, jobs have been lost, schools have gone to on-line learning and we all have been told to stay home. There seems to be a lot of uncertainty and we are so used to having so many activities and always being out and about that it is hard to stay at home.

As we endure all these changes in our lives the one thing that hasn't changed is Jesus our Savior. "***Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.***" (Hebrews 13:8). God doesn't change and his plan of salvation for us doesn't change either. Jesus said, "***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. Do you believe this?***" (John 11:25-26) Yes, I do – I do

