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(Scriptures from KJV unless noted otherwise)

Most people just think of Easter as a holiday time to have a four-day break to party or to take time out to visit family and friends – but it is much more and with a greater meaning than the “World” would and will acknowledge. Each year we see the public and children, deceived and subjected to the “Easter Bunny” and an array of “Horror” movies that is increasing more every year pushing out the true message of “Easter” - what God has done, through His Son Jesus, for the world. This still does not change the reality and power of the cross.

Even in churches today we see the crucifix still representing Jesus on the cross, dead and powerless but this is far from the truth – the true message of “Easter” is that Jesus went to the cross as the “Lamb of God” to pay the penalty of our sins, died and rose again not as the “Lamb of God” but as the “Lion of Judah” all powerful as “Lord of Lords” and as “Kings of Kings” and was given by God the Father, all authority in heaven and earth (Matthew 28:18-20). He defeated Satan and his spirits in Satan’s domain (Col.2:15), in Hell, and took back the power that was stolen from mankind in the very beginning of time through sin, in the Garden of Eden.

The “Cross” is called the “Great Exchange” where we exchange our sins for His righteousness by believing Jesus paid our penalty of death, rose again from the dead and then confessing Him as Lord – this must be done with your heart and your mouth and can’t be done with your mind (Rom. 10:9-10), nor with your works or good deeds (Eph.2:8-10, Gal.2:16), nor by being born into a Christian family, nor just by being good, nor by having parents that are pastors, nor by serving at the alter and going to church each Sunday and nor through any other way or religion (1 Tim.2:5) - except through a decision through Jesus Christ by FAITH (Acts 16:31)!

The message is very clear whether a person believes it or not (Heb.9:27), they will face judgement for every person has sinned (Rom.3:23) and the penalty for sin is death (Rom.6:23) or eternal separation from God in Hell (John 3:16) – there is no middle ground – either Heaven or Hell – your choice. But God in His mercy and Grace has made a way back into relationship with Him through the work of the “Cross” (John 3:16-17).

THE MESSAGE IS VERY SIMPLE – You must be Born Again to enter Heaven (John 3:3) there is no other way (John 11:25-26, John 14:6-7, Acts 4:12) and this decision must be done while a person is still living on the earth this side of eternity, once a person has died (physical death) that decision can’t be made anymore and the result is Hell for eternity (by default)! – the choice is yours to make (Deut.30:19). Where will you spend eternity, heaven or Hell and whom will you have as Lord and serve for eternity, God or Satan.

But to understand what “Easter” is really all about let us take a look at the very beginning – Adam and Eve and the Garden of Eden.

1. God creates.

Gen 1:1-3

1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. (KJV)

2. God creates Mankind.

Gen.1:26-31

*²⁶ And God said, **Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion...***

*²⁸ And God blessed them, and God said unto them, **Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moves upon the earth. (KJV)***



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- Mankind in His image (man is also to operate by words & faith.)
- God **delegates His authority to mankind.**
- Mankind **given Lordship** and dominion over all the earth.
- Over the animal kingdom.
- Given every seed and herb to man.
- Mankind also to have dominion by **words & faith.**
- **The system has never changed – even today.**
- Mankind has dominion in 3 worlds – spirit, soul, body.
- Mankind has dominion in the Spiritual and Natural worlds.

3. The Fall of Man.

Gen.2:8, 15-17 (Life in God's Garden)

⁸ And the Lord God planted a garden eastward in Eden; and there he put the man whom he had formed.

¹⁵ And the Lord God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it. ¹⁶ And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat: ¹⁷ **But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, you shall not eat of it: for in the day that you eat thereof you shalt surely die.** (KJV)

Gen.3:6

⁶ And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, **and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.** (KJV)

Gen.3:9-11

⁹ And the Lord God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where art you? ¹⁰ And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, **and I was afraid**, because I was naked; and I hid myself. ¹¹ And he said, Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded you that you should not eat (KJV)

1 Tim.2:14

⁴ And **Adam was not deceived**, but the woman being deceived was in the transgression. (KJV)

- Mankind falls into sin through disobedience.
- Mankind loses lordship & dominion on the earth.
- **Fear & Death** enter into the garden (Gen.3:9-11) and **the law of the Spirit of Christ Jesus** is replaced by **the law of sin and death – (The Curse).** (Rom.5:12, 17-21; 8:1-2)
- Mankind falls from life **to death both** spiritually & physically.
- Adam becomes the first man to be “born again” from life to death.
- Adam lives to 930 years. (Gen.5:5)

4. Satan rules.

Luke4:6-8 (Satan speaking to Jesus)

⁶ And the devil said unto him, All this power will I give thee, and the glory of them: **for that is delivered unto me; and to whomsoever I will I give it.** ⁷ If you therefore will worship me, all shall be yours. ⁸ And Jesus answered and said unto him, Get thee behind me, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shall you serve. (KJV)



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- The authority given to man was transferred through sin to Satan (spiritual stepfather).
- Jesus tempted by Satan – offered all power or authority - Satan had the power to give!
- Jesus responds with the word to Satan instead of acting on what Satan said – **Jesus passed the test the first Adam failed.**
- Satan also called the “god” of this fallen world system - but he is only a fallen angel. (2 Cor.4:4)
- Through sin, the curse enters into God’s creation including sickness, Disease, Poverty, Lack, Debt, The Curse, etc. (Duet.28:15-68, Rom.5:12)

5. God’s plan of Redemption.

His plan of redemption for man through His son Jesus (THE SEED)

Gen.3:15 – (God talking to Satan!)

15 And I will put enmity (a state of opposition) between you and the woman, and between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel.”- (On the Cross) (NKJV)

Your seed = Satan’s family

(John 8:44; Acts 13:10; 1 John 3:8)

Her seed = God’s family

(Isa.7:14; Luke1:31, 34-35)

It = Jesus (THE SEED)

(Rom.16:20)

- God spoke through His Prophets over 4,000 years there is one coming, a Messiah – He spoke **His word** into the earth the **Word, Jesus**, becomes flesh. (John 1:1, 14)
- **Man** was the key figure of the fall; **man** had to be the key figure of Redemption.
- Jesus is referred to the last Adam. (1 Cor.15:45-47)
- Jesus knew that he had to go to the cross to legally obtain man’s redemption and the authority that he had lost in the fall.
- Man had been given so much authority before the fall that the sin affected 3 worlds in existence: **heaven, earth, and under the earth – everything had become perverted and had to be cleansed.**

6. Jesus - The Sacrifice for Mankind.

- Jesus became the sacrifice on the cross for man. (Phil. 2:8)
- Through the work on the cross, Jesus destroyed him that had the power of death. (Heb.2:14)
- Jesus who knew no sin was made sin and was taken illegally to hell by Satan, and there He paid for our sins. (2Cor.5:21)
- Jesus, through His sacrifice and blood, purged man’s sins, made a new covenant, and cleansed all that was perverted.
- Jesus called the first born from the dead. (Col.1:18; Rev.1:5)
- Jesus the first born of a **new species of man.** (2Cor.5:17)
- Jesus becomes the first born of many brethren. (Rom.8:29)
- Jesus exalted by God and **given a name above every Name.** (Phil. 2:9-12)
- All power given to Jesus in heaven & earth. (Matt.28:18)
- The authority given back to man. (Mark 16:15; Matt.28:18)



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7. Who We are In Christ Jesus.

2Cor.5:17

¹⁷ Therefore if any man be in Christ, **he is a new creature**: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. (KJV)

- **Anew creature or creation.**
- **Through Jesus you have an inheritance**
- **Through Jesus we sit in heavenly places**
- **Through Jesus we become His body.** (Eph.1:20-23)
- You are over comers. (1 John5:4-5)
- You are the righteousness of God. (2Cor.5:21; 1 Peter 2:24)
- You are made kings and priests. (Rev. 1:5-6)
- If you are “born again” you have authority through Jesus in 3 worlds - Spiritual, Mental, and Natural.
- You have authority over Satan and his demons.
- You have authority over sickness and disease.
- You have authority over the wind, trees, sea, Death as Jesus had.
- Jesus gave you his power & authority. (Matt.28:18)
- Jesus gave you his power & authority to go into the world. (Mark 16:15-18)

8. Prayer for Salvation

Rom. 10:9-10

⁹ That if you shall confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus, and shall believe in your heart that God hath raised him from the dead, you shall be saved. ¹⁰ For with the heart man believes unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. (KJV)

"Heavenly Father, I come in the name of Jesus Christ and recognize that I am a sinner. I repent of my sins and renounce the devil and all his works. I believe that Jesus is your Son and that He died for me on the cross. I believe that He was my substitute and was buried and resurrected and is now at your right hand. I receive you Lord Jesus as my Lord and my Saviour. I receive forgiveness of sin and healing for my body. I know that I am now forgiven, healed, delivered and born again by Your Spirit. The old has passed away and all things have been made new! In Jesus name, Amen."

As a believer in Christ Jesus, You are a new creation and have authority as a believer through & in Christ Jesus – exercise it now – daily as a life style!

JESUS IS LORD!