



Easter Is...

Selected Scriptures

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Easter is ...

A time of hope.

1. The problem with hope. (Romans 8:24-25; Ephesians 2:12)
2. Easter solves the problem of hope.
(Romans 5:5; 15:13; Galatians 5:5; 1 Corinthians 15:3-8, 12-21; 2 Corinthians 1:9-10; Colossians 1:3, 5, 23; 1 Timothy 4:10; Titus 1:2, 7; Hebrews 6:18-19; 10:23; 11:1; 1 Peter 1:3-5, 13)

A season of renewal.

1. The thirst for renewal.
(Psalm 51:10; Psalm 119:25, 37, 40, 88; Ecclesiastes 1:17; 2:11, 17; 4:8; 5:15; 12:2-8)
2. Easter ushers in a season of renewal.
(Psalm 119:25, 37, 40, 88; Isaiah 57:15; 2 Corinthians 4:16; 5:17; Galatians 6:15; Ephesians 4:24; Colossians 3:10, 11)

A reason to rejoice.

1. There are many reasons to rejoice in some things for a period of time.
(Psalm 104:15; Proverbs 12:25; 23:15-16; 27:9; Ecclesiastes 5:19; Luke 15:6, 9, 32; Acts 15:31; 1 Corinthians 16:17; 2 Corinthians 7:6-7; Philippians 4:10)
2. Easter is the reason for complete and everlasting joy.
(1 Samuel 2:1; Psalm 13:5; 118:24; 126:3; Isaiah 61:10; Habakkuk 3:17-18; Luke 10:20; John 15:11; 16:22; 17:13; Galatians 5:22; Jude 1:24)

In My Life This Week

As you use this daily guide, write out your observations and responses on a separate piece of paper and save them with this sheet for reference.

Monday. This Easter Monday is a holiday for some while it is back to the first work day of a new week for others. Reflect on Jesus' death and resurrection thoughtfully, reading the account in Mark chapters 15 and 16. What insights has God impressed on you this Easter?

Tuesday. Easter is a time of hope. On Sunday we talked about the problem of hope and how Easter solves it. What frustrations and problems have you had with hope? How much has been due to an unclear understanding of Biblical hope or misplaced hope? Be specific, and check the Scripture references in the outline.

Wednesday. Easter is a season for renewal. We enjoy the fresh new life of spring and, even more, the fresh new experiences we have with God. We thirst for renewal. Easter ushers in new life and ongoing renewal. Ongoing renewal requires your participation—staying focused on God and His kingdom, learning and living His truth. Seek and enjoy God's renewal for you today.

Thursday. Easter is a season to rejoice. Christ is risen! Because He is risen, we can live with God. What has brought you joy in the last week? We should enjoy the good things God gives (see 1 Timothy 6:17). While their joy is limited and passing, the joy Easter brings is complete and everlasting. Why? Are you living in that joy today.

Friday – Saturday. On Sunday we plan to return to the series in Acts with *Design for Success* from 18:23 – 19:41.