

A Resurrection Means Emptiness

“And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses”, Colossians 2:13.

In the Scripture above, we have three major words, ‘You’, ‘Death’, and ‘Forgiveness’.

Today, we call it Easter. God named it ‘The Feast of Passover’. He led them from the Egyptian bondage that they should passover into the Promised Land of freedom

God the Father used the Feast of Passover to death that for the Christian, it would represent the passing from one style of life to another.

Our Lord’s Death at the Passover,

1. Left us with an empty Cross, signifying that He had taken - for those who were, and still are prepared to ask that the Lord Jesus would take our sins from us - our sinful nature, and cleanse us with His Forgiveness.
2. Left us with an empty Tomb, signifying that there was a life after death,
3. Left us with His empty Burial Clothes, signifying that His Gown of Righteousness had been restored to Him by the Father.

The empty Burial Clothes were undeniable facts that the Lord had been placed in the Tomb.

The Scripture from Colossians 2:13, “And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses”. With its associated words, ‘You’, ‘Death’, and ‘Forgiveness’, require us to become as empty as the tomb was.

Paul when led of the Spirit to wrote the words, “For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God”, Romans 3:23, was including ‘You’ in the word all!

While calling everybody on this earth a sinner is strong, how many people,

including you, do you know who have never uttered a lie?

How many times have you heard the statement, 'I love God. It is the neighbours next door I hate!'

Men, has the thought, 'She is beautiful. I would like to have her as my wife'. That is lusting.

You may well try and live a good life, but you know you have sinned. Friend, in God's Eyes that means you are a sinner.

The cross and the empty tomb are the demonstrations of God's love for you. What is the demonstration of your love for Jesus.

In the first four thousand years, man had to put something in that he could try to cover his sins.

Jesus came, and through his preparedness to pay for our sins, He left us with four requirements,

Admit that we are anything but perfect,

Believe that He did die to take our sins,

Confess that He is the Son of God, and our redeeming quality,

and **Desire** to follow Him, in words, acts, and humility

Friend, you must empty yourself of self. You must empty yourself of sin. You must empty yourself of doubt. Then, and only then, have you made yourself available for filling.

What is hindering YOU? What is stopping YOU from becoming what God has planned for YOU?