

Easter Sunday

On Sunday, many people across our nation and the world will celebrate Easter. It is the time traditionally set aside by the world to remember the death and resurrection of Jesus. This past week, I have read several articles from preachers (both from the church and denominations) talking about what they were going to do on Sunday. Some were positive, some were negative. Some said that we must preach on the resurrection; some said that we cannot. The point is that they were divided on what to do.

Not only are preachers divided on this topic, but members are divided as well. Some members think that you must preach about the resurrection of Jesus because everyone is thinking about it. Others say that you cannot preach on the resurrection of Jesus because it is a man-made holiday. (Several years ago, someone told me that I had to preach on church attendance on Easter and Christmas because that is when the most people would be in our services.) Because people are so divided on what to do, you cannot please them all. Someone will be offended at what you do (or don't do). These differing opinions makes occasions like this difficult for preachers.

So, what should we do on the Sunday traditionally referred to as Easter? Is it wrong to talk about the resurrection of Jesus? It is wrong to not talk about the resurrection of Jesus? How are we, as the people of God, supposed to think about this day?

Obviously, the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus is important. Without it, we have no hope of eternity. It is the ultimate gift of love that God has delivered to His people. It is this event that is the foundation of the gospel that we preach (*I Cor. 15:3-4*). In fact, we remember this sacrifice every Lord's Day through the memorial feast of the Lord's Supper (*I Cor. 11:17-34*).

Because of this, nothing really changes for the people of God. When we gather for worship on Sunday morning, we will remember the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus, just like we do every other Sunday of the year. We will sing songs of praise to our God and His Son. We will reflect on a portion of His word and try to glean great lessons from it. We will petition our God through prayer, asking for His blessings.

While nothing about our worship will change, there will be a different spirit in our world on Sunday morning. Many people will be thinking about Jesus. Some of these people only think of Him twice each year, and this just happens to be one of those days. It gives us a great opportunity to talk with them and show them the love of God. We can talk about the value of His death and resurrection, and we can point them to the hope that we have through it. May we do all that we can to take advantage of this great opportunity to show others the way to heaven.

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Sunday Services

Bible Study – 9:00 AM
Morning Worship – 10:00 AM
Evening Worship – 6:00 PM

Wednesday Services

Ladies Bible Class – 9:30 AM
Evening Bible Study – 7:00 PM

Mission Work

Cameroon, West Africa
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