

EASTER SUNDAY - EPHESIANS 2:18-22 GOD'S FAMILY

WalletHub Easter: 180 mill eggs painted, 1.5 Bmarshmallow peeps eaten, most expen chocolate easter bunny \$49K 548Kcal, 3 in 4 parents discuss eating candy in moder, 80% parents steal candy from kids stash, 43% am attend church Easter Sunday. **WHY? Sunrise service yrs ago college – present - had no idea why – not fan religion – Good % church goers will be in the same frame of mind**

- **Rising # of ppl – who are disaffiliating from “organized religion”**

Nones – not NUNS (picture) – no religious affiliation – NON-RELIGIOUS

If you define religion as man-made systems as a means of focusing human effort to reach God, then I am non-religious.

Christians don't follow man-made systems to reach God, we follow a person. His name is Jesus.

Loving, merciful, gracious, self-sacrificing for ur sake, OH ROSE FROM THE DEAD

MP: Christianity is built on one person, His name is Jesus. When you choose to follow Him, He brings you into God's family and satisfies your soul with God's presence.

CHRISTIANITY IS ABOUT BELONGING TO GOD'S FAMILY

MIRACLE: in church Jews and non-Jews – same Father – referring to God Father

Referring to God as Father means the church can't be reduced to a denomination or system. It is a heavenly family.

- **IN FAM: PASTOR NOT FATHER – not Father derek...GOD IS “THE FATHER”**

Jesus: Do not call anyone on earth Father for you have one Father and he is in heaven.

God's family is not “invite only” because everyone is invited. God, through Jesus, reaches out to everyone.

- NOT ALL HAPPY ABOUT THAT.. - **JESUS: Drove religious leaders crazy**

o Inviting everyone including - Tax Collectors, Prostitutes, sinners. unworthy

Palm Sunday – **on heroin, homeschool mom, sophbusiness owner, exotic dancer**

o This is GOD'S FAMILY - DIVERSE IMPERFECT but....**WE ARE**

Rescued, saved, loved, accepted, **WE HAVE 1 KING SITS THRONE**

JESUS IS THE FOUNDATION THAT GOD'S FAMILY IS BUILT ON

CORNERSTONE: Christ Jesus Himself – **TILT UP BUILDING CONC PAD – FULL WEIGHT**

- THE CHURCH BUILT ON JESUS – **OUR LIVES ARE BUILT ON JESUS**

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus blood and righteous I dare not trust the sweetest frame but wholly trust in Jesus name – **CHRIST ALONE - CORNERSTONE**

Jesus directed people to place their faith in Him.

John 6:28 This is the work of God that you believe on Him whom He sent.

John 3:17 For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. ¹⁸Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does

not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.

HIS NAME IS JESUS

Jesus is the only one worthy of resting the full weight of your faith upon.

Everyone places faith in something. FAIL Stock market, housing value, business, spouse, past

SHOCK TUES - Francis Scott Key Bridge – Every day able to hold weight 30,000 cars

- Every day, it was able to get you from one side to the other – until it didn't

It works until it doesn't work. Assumptions. You don't want to find out when it's too late.

No matter what hits your life – Jesus will sustain you – **HE IS THE BRIDGE U AND GOD**

JESUS BRINGS GOD'S PRESENCE INTO YOUR LIFE THROUGH THE HOLY SPIRIT

ACCESS IN ONE SPIRIT – THE HOLY SPIRIT – 3rd PERSON IN THE TRINITY

- WHEN CHRIST IS YOUR FOUNDATION – FAMILY – FILLS YOU WITH HIS SPIRIT

When Jesus is sitting in the rightful place in your life. When He sits on the throne of your heart, He fills you with God's presence by giving you His Spirit.

- PETER WAS PREACHING NOT LONG AFTER RESURRECTION - **CHOOSE**

Acts 3:19 Repent therefore, and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out, ²⁰that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord.

- **THE SPIRIT DOES:** guides, teaches, strengthens, enables your prayers, understand the

You don't need laws, rules and ordinances. You need Jesus and the Holy Spirit.

Understand - Bible, comforts, supplies hope and peace, enables you to love, joy filled life, to be patient, satisfies and refreshes your soul.....

For the one struggling with addiction, heart filled with anger, beaten down self-loathing, seeking self-harm, sophisticated business owner, wealthy person whose money isn't bringing satisfaction, exotic dancer strip, ppl exploited by the system – **THIS EASTER**

HE'S INVITING U TODAY – HE'S ROLLED OUT THE RED CARPET – EASY BELIEVE/FOLLOW

- JESUS' WORD COME – BUILD YOUR LIFE – FAMILY – PRESENCE