

May the God of patience and comfort grant you to be like-minded toward one another, according to Christ Jesus, that you may with one mind and one mouth glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Romans 15:5-6**

Sermon Notes



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Teach those things which concern the Lord Jesus Christ Acts 28:31

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Christ's resurrection is something that should be celebrated every day, not just once a year.

There is a lot of confusion regarding what Easter Sunday is all about. For some, Easter Sunday is about the Easter Bunny, colourfully decorated Easter eggs, and Easter egg hunts. Most people understand that Easter Sunday has something to do with the resurrection of Jesus, but are confused as to how the resurrection is related to the Easter eggs and the Easter bunny. Biblically speaking, there is absolutely no connection between the resurrection of Jesus Christ and the common modern traditions related to Easter Sunday. As a background, please read our article on the origins of Easter. Essentially, what occurred is that in order to make Christianity more attractive to non-Christians, the ancient Roman Catholic Church mixed the celebration of Jesus' resurrection with celebrations that involved spring fertility rituals. These spring fertility rituals are the source of the egg and bunny traditions.

The Bible makes it clear that Jesus was resurrected on the first day of the week, Sunday (Matthew 28:1; Mark 16:2,9; Luke 24:1; John 20:1,19). Jesus' resurrection is most worthy of being celebrated (see 1

Corinthians 15). While it is appropriate for Jesus' resurrection to be celebrated on a Sunday, the day on which Jesus' resurrection is celebrated should not be referred to as Easter. Easter has nothing to do with Jesus' resurrection on a Sunday.

As a result, many Christians feel strongly that the day on which we celebrate Jesus' resurrection should not be referred to as "Easter Sunday." Rather, something like "Resurrection Sunday" would be far more appropriate and biblical. For the Christian, it is unthinkable that we would allow the silliness of Easter eggs and the Easter bunny to be the focus of the day instead of Jesus' resurrection.

By all means, celebrate Christ's resurrection on Easter Sunday. Christ's resurrection is something that should be celebrated every day, not just once a year. At the same time, if we choose to celebrate Easter Sunday, we should not allow the fun and games to distract our attention from what the day should truly be all about—the fact that Jesus was resurrected from the dead, and that His resurrection demonstrates that we can indeed be promised an eternal home in Heaven by receiving Jesus as our Savior.

Future Dates

March 6th	EPW prayer meeting at 10am
March 27th	Bernard Lewis will be preaching at Feltham EC 7:30pm
March 28th	Rev Paul Williams will be preaching at our combine Easter meeting at Cranford BC 7:30pm
March 29th	Good Friday communion service at 11am
March 29th	Simon Doyle from APC will be preaching at Hounslow West Evangelical Church at 7:30pm

This Month's Speakers

March 3rd	Family worship and God willing Pastor Robin Asgher will be preaching and leading the service. After the service, we will have fellowship lunch on bring and share basis. A crèche is also available for toddlers during the second part of the service. New Church Members prayer and teaching session after the service at 2pm.
March 10th	God willing Pastor Robin Asgher from will be preaching and leading the service. The service will be followed by the Lord's Supper. Sunday evening service at 5pm
March 17th	God willing Pastor Robin Asgher will be preaching and leading the service. Ambassador for Christ Baptism class 2pm
March 24th	God willing Graham Machin from Carey BC will be preaching and leading the service. Sunday evening service at 5pm
March 31st	God willing Graham Machin from Carey BC will be preaching and leading the service.

Weekly Meetings

Sundays	Morning Service 11am <i>We thank God that He is a faithful God. We do not take up an offering during the service. Our offering box is located at the back of the church.</i>
Tuesday	Bible Study and Prayer Meeting at the Local Detention Centre 9am - 5pm
Wednesday	Toddler Group 9am-11am Morning Prayer Meeting 10am Evening Prayer Meeting 7:00pm (Via Zoom)
Thursday	Elders & Deacons Prayer Meeting 5:30pm
Friday	Kids Club (5-8 years old) 5:00pm-6:00pm Kids Club (10-16 years old) 6:00pm-8:00pm

If you are interested in any of these meetings or would like further information, please contact Pastor **Robin Asgher 020 8754 1184**

Points for Prayer

We believe that the Scriptures call on churches as well as individual believers to pray fervently, reverently, humbly, sincerely, regularly and with faith (Luke 21:36 Watch therefore and pray always: James 5:16 The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much).

Thank you for praying for Appollo Mathews, he is on the mend but still not fully recovered from his ear infection.

Please pray for Samuel Dickson and others hoping to attend BANNER OF TRUTH YOUTH CONFERENCE.

Please pray for STAY & PLAY (Toddler Group) run by Muno, Penny and sister Hannah continues to grow and please pray for the gospel opportunities.

Please pray for three evangelists recently got in touch regarding MULTI-LINGUAL GOSPEL leaflets which I produced. We were happy to support and provided material free of cost for their book tables and for upcoming Easter outreaches.

Please pray for our Easter outreach hoping to distribute Easter leaflets in our local neighbourhood.

Please pray I am hoping to take three Easter assemblies at the local primary and secondary school.

Please pray for our combine Easter meetings and pray that the preaching of God's word blessing to the believers and salvation to those who don't Him yet.

Please pray from next month we hope to have Sunday evening service twice a week. Pray for good attendance.

Missionary Interest

GOSPEL FOR PAKISTAN:

We as a family able to visit Pakistan during Feb half-term after seven years. It was short and sweet visit but full God's blessings in terms sharing the gospel. We are grateful to the Lord for providing two opportunities to serve Him. I shared God's word on the subject of "THE ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITIES FOR SERVANT PASTOR". Good number of men and

women about 80 attended, listened attentively and we are also few copies distributed THE FOUNDATION OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH by ROGER VIEL in Urdu language. For the future we are offering online Bible training for the leaders and provide books. If you would like to get involve, please do get in touch with me. Please pray for us. Thank you

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