

Faith Talk

Trinity Canadian Reformed Church

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Celebrate Easter!

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Easter is coming up. The stores are filled with eggs, rabbits and other goodies, all covered with chocolate. Is there a deeper meaning to Easter than the love for chocolate? Yes, there is. We find it in the Bible. It is the demonstration of a total, self-initiated, unconditional, sacrificial kind of love. Love that changes darkness to light, death to life, despair to hope, and misery to victory. All of this happened when Jesus Christ rose from the dead.

The Bible teaches us that we are sinners, separate from God, unable to pay our debts or to reach God by ourselves. Jesus Christ willingly left his glory as God to become a human being, enduring our misery and suffering. He received God's wrath and condemnation and was separate from him, all on our behalf. He died for us that we may live. He is our mediator. Jesus didn't only have to die, but he also had to rise from the dead. His resurrection is the guarantee that the promises of God will be fulfilled. We are covered by Christ's righteousness. We rise to a new life and receive the assurance of our own resurrection.

To benefit from Jesus' death is not a matter of doing good deeds. It is a matter of faith; faith that what Jesus did for us is all that we need. If we would be able to please God by our own efforts then Jesus died for nothing. It is the assurance of the promises of God and of eternal life that gives Christians the strength to face every situation in life, especially in difficult times when there is failure, sickness, accidents or death. This life is important, but is not the end. There is a glorious future for everyone who trusts in the Lord because Jesus died for us and has risen from the dead. This Easter may you rejoice in what Jesus Christ has done for you.

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